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WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

THE CHOLERA CONFERENCE.

The President, to-day, sent to each House of Congress a message, transmitting for their consideration a correspondence between the Secretary of State and the Minister of France accredited to this Government, and also other papers relative to the proposed international conference at Constantinople, upon the subject of the cholera.

The Marquis DE MONTHOLON, under date of Nov. 15 last, writes that every Power has adopted, whether spontaneously or to satisfy the urgent desire of public opinion, the arrangements which have seemed to it of most efficacy for guarding their territory against the invasion of disease. But experience has proved how much these preventive measures adopted in isolation, and varying with localities, are difficult in harmonising with the habitudes and wants of our epoch, impatient of every hindrance that impedes the freedom of commercial transactions. He says he is instructed by M. DROUIN DE LHUYS to propose a conference at Constantinople, of men of science from the various countries interested, having for its object to seek out the primordial causes of cholera, to determine the principal points of departure, to study the character and progress, and to propose practical means for circumscribing it and extinguishing it in its origin.

The Secretary of State in reply promises to give the subject attentive consideration; and on Nov. 21 asks the opinion and suggestions of Surgeon-General BARNES.

To this the Surgeon-General replies, suggesting that he be empowered to designate two officers of the Medical Staff of the United States Army as members of such Commission.

Under date of Dec. 20 the Sublime Porte assures Mr. MORRIS, our representative at Constantinople, of its cooperation, and suggests that the meeting be held in January or February, and that the execution of the measures agreed upon be left to the several Governments represented, and that LALAH EFFENDI, Chief Physician of the Imperial Court, and Dr. BARTHOLETTI, now the Counsel of Health, be the Turkish envoys. A cordial welcome is promised by the Court. Under date of Dec. 23 Mr. MORRIS writes that no date had then been fixed definitely for the assembly.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE METHODISTS.

When the Committee of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church appointed to wait upon President JOHNSON returned to the Conference yesterday sitting at Alexandria, they reported that they had a most interesting and pleasing interview with the President, who had entertained them kindly to the exclusion of other important business.

They said they had laid before the President the case of the churches of this Conference which had been taken possession of by the military, and had informed him that it was rumored that the churches had been seized in accordance with an order issued by him.

The President replied that he was not aware of any such order.

The Committee had promised the President a written statement of the facts in regard to the church property and the position of this Conference.

At the conclusion of the report of the Committee, which was read by Mr. WILSON, Hon. JOHN HOGAN, member of Congress from Missouri, who accompanied the Committee in their visit to the White House, rose and substantiated the statements of Mr. WILSON, and stated further that in a conversation with the President, Mr. JOHNSON had unhesitatingly said that no such order as the one referred to had emanated from him. He referred to an order from the War Department that had been issued in relation to a church at Winchester—but that order was directed to Gen. HANCOCK, to investigate the facts and make a report, and the President thought it had been satisfactorily adjusted.

Mr. HOGAN also mentioned the case of a church in Missouri, in which the President had directed an investigation to be made and the facts reported to him, in order that he might make a proper adjustment of it.

Mr. HOGAN then stated that the policy of the President was to restore the rights of all loyal people, and to leave future questions to be settled by the courts, after parties shall have been placed in the *status* they occupied prior to the past difficulties.

MARYLAND AND THE PRESIDENT.

The resolution recently passed by the Maryland Legislature, endorsing the position of the President, will be presented by the committee from that body next week. The President, in reply to a letter signifying that intention, has directed a reply to be made, stating that he will be pleased to see them, if possible, about Monday next.

SITE FOR THE NEW-YORK POST-OFFICE.

The House Committee on Post-offices and Post Roads to-day reported the bill appointing a Commission to select and purchase a site for the New-York Post-office. The Committee added to the Commission as proposed by Mr. RAYMOND the name of JACKSON S. SCHULTZ, to represent the business interests of the City, in connection with Mr. A. A. LOW, the President of the Chamber of Commerce. The Commission now consists of Mayor HOFFMAN, Postmaster KELLY, District-Attorney DELAFIELD and the two gentlemen named above.

THE SALE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Mr. ALLEY, of the House Post-office Committee, this morning reported the bill, which has already passed the Senate, giving the Postmaster-General authority to dispose of postage stamps on credit to certain postmasters in the Southern States, on condition of their giving bonds for the stamps in their hands, the same as other custodians of public moneys. The object is to furnish to the people of the South a sufficient supply of postage stamps to enable them to do their ordinary correspondence, which is now much restricted from the lack of means on the part of postmasters to purchase the required stamps, for which payment in cash is now required by law. This being a measure for the practical benefit of the people of the South, the effect of which Postmaster-General DENNISON said would be to increase the revenue and promote the Government. Several of the ultra members, Messrs. WARMBURNE, WILSON, of Iowa, and STEVENS, immediately assailed it. Mr. WILSON would oppose anything intended for the benefits of the rebels. Mr. STEVENS, for once, was in favor of moderation, and wanted it printed. Mr. KASSON, though opposed to the present shape of this bill, was in favor of the principle, and did not see the propriety of lagging a question of reconstruction into a practical business measure. Mr. ALLEY said this was not a bill for the benefit of rebels, as had been charged by Mr. WILSON, but a purely business bill, which would help restore harmony at the South, and increase the revenues of the Government. Mr. BANKS would not favor the giving of any privileges to the people of the South not enjoyed alike by all the people, until the condition of the disloyal States was settled.

Mr. ALLEY said the bill did not confer any exclusive privileges, when, pending the discussion, the morning hour expired, and the bill went over. This bill has passed the Senate after a thorough discussion, but it will be seen that the extremists in the House propose to frown down any measure of a harmonious character that may proceed from President JOHNSON or his Cabinet, even from a man of such sound business and thoroughly patriotic character as Gov. DENNISON.

THE FLOYD ACCEPTANCES.

The United States Court of Claims to-day decided the case of Pierce *vs.* the United States, involving the validity of the Floyd-acceptances. The decision is adverse to the claimant. The opinion of the Court being that these acceptances were issued without authority of law for a fraudulent purpose, and therefore the Government is not bound to pay them, although they are in the hands of *bona fide* holders. Over $1,700,000 are involved in this and other cases dependent upon the result of the above decision.

THE EQUALIZATION OF BOUNTIES.

There are two or three propositions pending before Congress for the equalization of bounties of soldiers, and the parties who are urging the measure are industriously at work in the lobby endeavoring to make votes for either of the propositions. From present indications it will require more industry from the lobbyists, and the payment of a much greater sum to them than was calculated upon by the real parties interested in order to get even one-fourth, to say nothing of a majority of the members of Congress, to vote for a bill such as is contemplated. So far there are not probably 90 members of the House in favor of the measure, and when it comes to be known that after all the soldiers would not be in one case out of every twenty the recipient of the bounty money, should such an act be passed, and that about four-fifths of all bounties would go to speculators and claim agents who have long since bought the soldiers' certificates, which entitles the holder to the bounty, we imagine that upon a vote being taken there would not be found a half dozen members in favor of the bill. It has already been shown by statesmen and from the Paymaster-General and Provost-Marshal-General that to equalise bounties it would require an appropriation of over six hundred million dollars.

SENATOR HENDERSON ON THE AMENDMENT.

Senator HENDERSON continued his argument this afternoon in the Senate upon the proposed amendment to the Constitution. He takes position by the side of Mr. SUMNER in opposition to the amendment, upon the ground that it gives the States the power to exclude negroes from the suffrage. The latter part of Mr. HENDERSON's speech was devoted to his own proposed amendment that no State may withhold the right of suffrage on account of color.

THE BANKRUPTCY BILL.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the Bankruptcy Bill, the lawyers having the discussion all to themselves, Messrs. HALE, JENCKES and LAWRENCE participating.

NAVAL REGISTERS.

The President has approved the bill providing that no ship or vessel which has been recorded or registered as an American vessel pursuant to law, and which shall have been licensed or otherwise authorized to sail under a foreign flag, and to have the protection of any foreign Government during the existence of the rebellion, shall be deemed or registered as an American vessel, or shall have the rights and privileges of American vessels, except under the provisions of Act of Congress authorizing such registry.

EXEQUATUR REVOKED.

The President has revoked the *exequatur* of ESTABAN ROGERS, Consul *ad interim* of Chili, for the port of New-York.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU BILL BEFORE THE PRESIDENT.

The Freedmen's Bureau Bill having yesterday been placed in the hands of the President, much interest is excited as to his course concerning it. It is no secret that he does not approve of all of its provisions.

THE PIRATE SEMMES.

The Secretary of the Navy has instructed the commandant of the Marine Corps to allow the ex-rebel Admiral SEMMES such exercise as he may wish in the yard of the Marine Barracks. This morning he was observed walking on the parade-ground in company with Lieut. COCHRANE, one of the officers detailed to take charge of him. He appeared to be in excellent health, and is said to be far more affable and courteous than his unprepossessing appearance would indicate.

FINANCE.

It is probable that the Committee on Banks and Currency will now take final action on any of the recommendations of the Comptroller of currency or other propositions submitted to them, until the loan bill reported by the Committee of Ways and Means is acted upon. Mr. HOOPER to-day introduced a resolution instructing the Banking Committee to inquire into the expediency of making the interest-bearing Treasury notes, now mostly held by the National Banks, as a part of their reserve, not a legal-tender.

THE TAX ON GROSS RECEIPTS OF BANKS.

The Philadelphia bankers were here to-day in consultation with Mr. Treasurer SPINNER relative to his decision requiring bankers to pay a tax on gross deposits. Mr. SPINNER adheres to his opinion as expressed in his recent circular, and referred the bankers to his response prepared to-day in answer to the resolution of the New-York bankers, who claim that the United States Treasurer's decision is contrary to the spirit and intention of the law. The bankers argue that they are not required to be taxed upon deposits until they have made their clearances, and should not be required to make statement of deposits until just before bank hours of the day after the deposits are received.

Mr. SPINNER answers that in contemplation of law the tax is to be assessed as the account stands precisely at the close of bank hours on the afternoon of each day. In order to avoid what is deemed the onerous and unjust portion of the tax, the bankers informed Mr. SPINNER that they would be compelled to prolong their banking hours to 9 o'clock in the evening to give time to make their clearances. To this plan Mr. SPINNER thought there could be no objection, but he could not, as at present advised, commit himself to the proposition.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,
WASHINGTON, FEB. 13, 1866.

SIR: Your letter of the 8th inst. has been received. Of the imposing paper that came therewith enclosed, purporting to be the resolutions of a meeting of officers of the banks in the City of New-York, called to consider a circular addressed to each of them from this office under date of the 1st inst., and which is twice therein declared to be a reply to said letter and circular, I have to say that as an argument it is considered a fine specimen of special pleading, but as a reply it is disingenuous, evasive, and no answer whatever to the direct questions propounded in said circular; that the intention was to conceal the truth of the matter sought to be elicited as evidence, by the fact that this office has the letters of cashiers of banks stating that the average amounts of deposits were estimated from the balances at the close of each day, without reference to the Clearing-house exchanges, as required by the regulations; and it has also evidenced that other banks did not so estimate these deposits. Yet the Presidents of such banks as did not so estimate their average deposits have alike appended their signatures to the statements contained in these resolutions as an answer to the question whether they did or did not so estimate their deposits.

The law requires the returns referred to in the circular to be made for the six months next preceding said first days of January and July, and not for parts of days preceding or succeeding these or any other days, and thus precludes the idea that the accounts made up at the close of business of one day may be manipulated and estimated upon after changes have been made at noon, or after, of the next succeeding day. The phrasology of the law in this regard is in the usual form, and its plan meaning is as well understood by bankers as by commercial lawyers, and it does seem that but for the private interests of the banks involved as fa:- minded men would for a moment doubt but that the computations should be made as all other monied and commercial estimates are made from the book as the balances stood at the close of the business of each day.

The law directs the duty to be paid upon the "average" amount of deposits. You insist upon estimating upon the minimum amounts. It appears from the returns made to this office that all the National banks in the United States, excepting a number in the three principal and one other Atlantic city, and perhaps a few isolated cases elsewhere, have made their returns in accordance with the instructions issued from this office and in conformity to the law. Any change now in the way indicated by your meeting would not only be in violation of what is considered a plain official duty, but would be a manifest injustice to the people of the United States generally, and particularly so to nearly sixteen hundred National Banks, which have promptly met the requirements of this office, and paid what they thereby admitted to be due under the law from them to the people of the United States. But as I did not invite or desire an argument from you, I do not propose to make one to you, as to the right or wrong of the law, or the decision of requirements made under it. What is required and desired is, that plain, direct, exhibit and categorical answers be made to the circular of the 1st inst., and that if the returns have not been made in compliance with the requirements of the office, as in that circular indicated, that then an amended return be made thereto showing the difference between the estimates of deposits as made after the Clearing-house Exchanges, and at the close of the business at the preceding day, and that an amount equal to one-quarter of one per cent. on that difference be immediately remitted with such amended return to this office. In default of this, duty will compel me to enforce such payment by one or more of the remedies indicated in the law to be applied in all such cases.

I see by the New-York papers that you have caused the resolutions of your meeting to be published, with remarks that, would seem to indicate a purpose on your part to resort to the courts. Therefore, as you have presented only one side of the case, I shall, in order to show the other side, cause this letter, preceded by my circular of the 1st instant, and your letter with the resolutions of the meeting of the New-York Bank officers, and a circular of the 13th instant to be all published together. As it is not my wish to prejudice or in any way incommode or delay the payment of the interest on the Public Stocks about to become due to the many banks that have made satisfactory reports, by reason of the remissness of the few that have not made such reports, it is particularly desirable that an early answer should be returned to the circular from this office, No. 5, of the 18th inst, as I shall be compelled to withhold from the several Assistant Treasurers the list of dividends now being prepared, until such time as it can be ascertained which banks shall and which shall not be entitled to receive such dividends, by reason of having or not having made satisfactory returns, and the payment of duty thereon to this office.

Very respectfully yours,
F. C. SPINNER, Treasurer United States.

To C. F. SIMPSON, Esq., Secretary Continental National Bank, New-York.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, TREASURER'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13, 1866.

CIRCULAR No. 5, 1866.—It is evident that a number of National Banks, in making reply to the circular of the 1st inst. have considered that the day was not closed until after the Clearing-house had been made on the next day after the Clearing-house, and that while reporting their average of deposits, as estimated from the balances at the close of the day, have deducted from such balances the amount of the exchanges of the next day. As this construction is not in accordance with the requirements, it is desired that those banks which have made reply to the circular referred to, in which replies they have stated that the averages of deposits were estimated from balances at the close of the day, shall also state whether the averages were estimate BEFORE THE EXCHANGES AT THE CLEARING-HOUSE. The attention of all such banks as have not yet made reply to the circular of the 1st inst., is requested to the words above in capital letters. In either case, whether a reply has or has not yet been made by a bank, unless the reply already made is complete and without reservation in reference to exchanges at the clearing house. It is requested that a reply shall on receipt be furnished which shall distinctly state whether or not the average of deposits was estimated from the balances of deposits before the exchanges at the clearing-house.

F. E. SPINNER, Treasurer United States.

OUR INTERNAL REVENUE.

Comparative Statement Showing the Total Collections from Each Specific Source of Revenue for the Fiscal Years ending, June 30, 1864, and 1865, Respectively.

[The articles and occupations marked with a †, were taxed under the laws in force in 1863-64, but were formerly reported under more general heads.]

Articles and Occupations.	Collections for 1864.	Collections for 1865.
MANUFACT'S AND PRODUCT'S.		
Barytes, Sulphate of	$20,713 04	$20,398 02
Bill-heads, cards, &c., printed		153,197 87
Books, magazines, &c., printed		354,627 95
Boots and shoes†		3,280,627 29
Brandy distilled from grapes†		10,946 31
Brass, &c., rolled	76,874 28	83,009 99
Brass, &c., rolled, no duty previously paid†		376,370 56
Brick, draining tiles, &c		196,543 02
Bullion		379,317 85
Candles	186,398 45	226,883 08
Carriages and other vehicles†		860,021 26
Casein	4,758 67	2,916 27
Chemical productions†		817,262 60
Chocolate and cocoa	16,950 46	16,950 46
Cider brandy and peach brandy†		1,469 14
Cigars	1,265,434 79	3,072,228 44
Cigarettes†		14,944 95
Clocks, time-pieces, &c	30,165 89	93,637 56
Cloth, other than cotton or wool	20,066 50	976,672 43
Cloth, painted, &c.†		1,000,031 91
Clothing	266,425 90	4,620,926 65
Cloves	3,359 52	3,971 06
Coal	572,636 52	695,993 91
Coffee	80,136 21	284,089 98
Confectionery	466,780 15	849,473 50
Copper and lead, in ingots, pigs, &c		277,172 25
Copper, manufactures of	43,681 40	111,747 58
Cotton fabrics and manufactures of cotton	3,548,176 51	6,747,998 18
Cotton, raw	1,266,412 56	1,772,983 46
Cutlery		86,187 60
Diamonds, &c	186,746 62	466,266 97
Distilled spirits	28,671,797 53	15,995,701 86
Fermented liquors	2,220,719 73	3,857,181 06
Furniture, &c	2,736,940 85	3,736,347 03
Furs	113,627 54	222,880 42
Gas	714,740 13	1,348,324 58
Ginger	12,546 08	8,498 73
Glass	305,268 09	895,496 87
Gloves, &c†		30,180 14
Glue and cement, liquid	1,541 38	1,187 86
Glue and gelatine, solid	24,632 47	44,417 49
Gold, manufactures of	35,167 89	57,090 57
Gold foil†		10,610 77
Gold leaf	5,073 48	11,561 07
Gunpowder	185,323 07	348,376 42
Gutta-percha	5,436 08	31,282 38
India-rubber	223,782 85	635,975 87
Iron, advanced beyond blooms, &c	268,945 50	497,622 35
Iron, band, hoop, &c., not thinner than No. 18	116,806 20	229,178 86
Iron, band, hoop, &c., thinner than No. 18	39,472 11	89,983 11
Iron, bars, rods, &c	10,986 77	30,474 65
Iron, blooms, &c		83,156 65
Iron, castings for bridges	4,483 65	89,743 25
Iron, castings over 10 pounds in weight	209,253 70	708,458 34
Iron, cut nails and spikes	184,500 03	328,849 20
Iron, pig		1,484,382 82
Iron, plate not less than ¼ inch in thickness	73,497 04	120,871 78
Iron, plate less than ¼ inch in thickness	7,049 01	29,420 25
Iron, railroad	175,836 28	264,783 48
Iron, railroad, rerolled	119,225 79	376,984 47
Iron, rivets, &c	34,778 01	35,650 66
Iron, rivets, &c., on which a duty has been paid	8,961 48	22,847 05
Iron, stoves and hollow ware	123,488 86	211,848 65
Iron, advanced beyond pigs, &c		1,484,382 82
Iron, manufactures of, &c	1,891,061 71	3,723,310 34
Iron, wrought railroad chairs, &c†		5,694 42
Lead, sheet, &c†		50,546 68
Lead, sheet, no duty previously paid†		74,459 65
Lead, white	45,563 88	62,097 36
Leather, curried, &c†		1,861,367 80
Leather, tanned in the rough		825,412 20
Leather, manufactures of, &c	3,402,891 41	1,351,144 27
Leather, of all descriptions a	1,611,217 18	5206,342 80
Lime and Roman cement		96,445 96
Marble, &c		170,419 37
Masts, spars, &c†		39,229 37
Molasses†		54,971 78
Mustard	9,760 13	7,749 36
Naphtha†		5,449 91
Oils, essential†		5,024 80
Oils, petroleum, refined		2,901,213 97
Oils, coal, in the evening		86,092 80
Oils, lard, linseed, &c		217,291 45
Paints, &c		34,536 35
Paper		1,082,478 62
Pepper and pimento		97,439 91
Petroleum, crude		229,545 94
Photographs		21,209 19
Piano-fortes and other musical instruments†		209,393 77
Pickles, preserved fruits, &c	110,961 16	172,313 56
Pins	23,009 70	24,902 48
Pottery, ware	47,434 83	93,220 54
Quicksilver		28,541 71
Repairs of engines, &c		104,437 16
Repairs of all else, &c		36,538 61
Sails, tents, &c	35,945 73	78,373 34
Salaratus and bicarbonate of soda	32,974 39	31,609 54
Salt	298,911 82	395,348 86
Screws (wood)	62,943 36	122,692 61
Ships	167,515 96	347,717 63
Silk	97,682 60	216,188 81
Silver	38,949 97	60,768 40
Slate, sandstone, &c		90,462 36
Soap, common	340,934 24	268,253 07
Soap, castile, not over 5c. per pound in value	23,196 47	
Soap, castile, not over 5c. per pound in value	9,106 85	20,060 11
Soap, castile, over 5c. per pound in value	399,182 48	978,991 26
Soap, fancy, scented, &c	40,701 65	74,178 34
Starch made of potatoes	5,369 80	11,247 75
Starch made of corn or wheat	30,566 52	69,984 83
Starch made of rice		
Steam engines	65,434 20	772,360 01
Steel, not over 7c. per pound in value	5,880 03	4,340 06
Steel, over 7c. and not over 11c. per pound in value	35,162 44	12,766 99
Steel, over 11c. per pound	51,226 90	156,226 70
Steel, rolled, &c†		2,276 97
Steel, manufactures of	209,873 02	549,107 14
Stereotypers, &c		43,483 81
Sugar	1,297,616 28	2,225,750 19
Sugar refiners	573,139 85	1,750,613 86
Thread, yarn, &c†		583,225 38
Tobacco, cavendish, &c	5,877,026 11	4,083,977 61
Tobacco, smoking, stems in	1,146,522 63	1,563,977 25
Tobacco, smoking, all stems	63,260 20	516,922 01
Tobacco, fine cut chewing		1,834,320 59
Tobacco, twisted by hand		7,852 77
Turpentine, spirits of		8,461 61
Umbrellas and parasols	68,169 94	111,149 67
Varnish	22,256 40	149,981 58
Water, Soda, &c†		74,172 73
Water, mineral, &c	7,014 49	2,742 19
Wine made of grapes	26,203 80	34,139 76
Wine made of spirits		5,477 00
Woolen fabrics, and manufactures of wool	3,855,026 70	7,647,054 21
Zinc, oxide of	22,276 01	61,561 54
Materials not otherwise provided for	7,688,889 97	8,688,889 76
Total	$70,457,978 09	$104,570,699 66
SLAUGHTERED ANIMALS.		
Cattle	248,269 70	899,916 21
Calves	49,604 60	61,607 07
Cattle and calves d		69,613 20
Sheep and lambs	66,113 94	114,393 27
Builders and contractors	93,559 79	93,727 40
Business generally		14,469 31
Butchers	66,499 67	123,450 73
Clerks	2,422 10	2,422 07
Clerks, assistant	27,824 80	29,776 07
Common carriers		1,189 99
Commercial travelers	4,983 47	4,677 48
Conveyancers		20,477 50
Dealers, wholesale	1,222,737 61	2,546,194 79
Dealers, retail	1,290,948 98	1,402,772 89
Dealers, wholesale liquor	1,012,778 80	1,011,778 80
Dealers, retail liquor	1,413,726 88	2,330,668 36
Dentists	27,347 69	34,615 09
Distillers of coal oil	12,697 71	12,054 66
Distillers of spirituous liquors	65,466 10	65,467 10
Distillers of apples, &c	5,252 34	12,226 33
Eating-houses	29,254 94	29,267 78
Exhibitions	7,951 61	10,327 60
Gift enterprises		4,622 85
Horse-dealers	39,022 20	65,150 00
Hotels e	387,429 99	412,771 00
Insurance Agents	8,257 20	21,613 20
Intelligence-office keepers		3,154 65
Jugglers	1,102 61	1,102 50
Lawyers	129,169 90	193,197 87
Livery-stable keepers	45,996 10	65,210 00
Lottery-ticket dealers	1,061 62	25,840 61
Manufacturers	471,961 46	1,216,116 67
Miners		2,581 03
Patent-agents	1,024 75	1,393 96
Patent-right dealers		1,266 00
Peddlers	264,111 54	429,226 63
Photographers	62,886 80	74,666 03
Plumbers and gas-fitters		2,265 70
Professions and Surgeons	235,832 73	302,547 07
Real estate agents		13,705 21
Rectifiers	56,929 25	45,761 80
Rope-makers	1,261 60	1,277 60
Stallions and jacks	219,576 01	277,166 97
Tallow-chandlers	357 80	660 01
Theatres	9,803 71	14,316 18
Tobacconists	1,050 31	13,579 04
Total	$7,176,905 26	$12,613,478 07
INCOME.		
Income over $600, and not over $5,000		$30,143 28
Income over $5,000		801,341 99
Income over $600, and not over $10,000	7,944,183 51	56,627,946 98
Income over $10,000	4,650,160 97	59,362,339 40
Income from property of citizens residing abroad	83,624 51	5169,924 17
Sheep slaughtered for pelts		1,261 00
Swine	245,870 25	354,616 13
Total	$8,923,549 73	$1,261,267 09
GROSS RECEIPTS.		
Advertisements	$133,315 11	$227,530 21
Bridges and Toll-roads	36,354 52	75,266 95
Canals		92,421 29
Express Companies	267,772 97	899,275 89
Ferries	60,074 67	126,132 57
Insurance Co.'s (See No. 354)		20,245 96
Lotteries		5,917,726 12
Railroads	2,137,249 69	457,210 68
Ships, barges, &c		460,197 58
Stage-coaches, Wagons, &c		628,812 99
Steamboats	276,666 94	315,606 63
Telegraph Companies		
Theatres, Operas, Circuses, Museums, &c		149,441 71
Total	3,902,985 90	58,891,874 13
SALES.		
Auction sales	141,281 68	510,178 68
Brokers' sales of produce, &c		606,474 34
Brokers' sales of stocks, &c		3,926,799 92
Brokers sales of foreign exchange, &c		492,343 23
Brokers' sales of gold and silver		450,457 20
Total	141,281 68	4,982,343 84
LICENSES.		
Apothecaries	29,799 21	32,873 42
Architects and civil engineers	15,272 97	16,511 33
Assayers		10,885 00
Auctioneers	26,147 43	30,542 15
Bankers	74,448 29	2207,287 86
Billiard-rooms	33,189 53	84,624 64
Brewers	56,289 41	77,747 00
Bowling-alleys	7,785 42	15,276 27
Brokers, cattle	105,287 26	207,905 49
Brokers, commercial	204,086 26	213,094 70
Brokers, custom-house		936 66
Brokers, insurance		148 00
Brokers, land-warrant	1,000 99	3,239 54
Brokers, pawn	10,305 65	15,286 14
Brokers, produce	22,855 88	22,855 88
Brokers, stock	95,878 05	130,913 05
Brokers, substitute		70 99
Income from interest on U. S. Securities	75,379 89	138,469 73
Income from other sources		36,453 71
Total	14,983,362 33	20,740,451 33
LEGACIES.		
Legacies, lineal issue or ancestor, brother or sister	176,917 33	288,756 48
Legacies, descendant of brother and sister	37,648 61	87,081 04
Legacies, uncle or aunt, or descendant of same	12,232 63	25,840 61
Legacies, great uncle or aunt, or descendant of same	322 22	16,460 79
Legacies, stranger in blood	84,040 25	90,613 73
Successions, lineal issue or ancestor		34,043 66
Successions, brother or sister, or descendant of same		8,468 36
Successions, uncle or aunt, or descendant of same		1,166 75
Successions, great uncle or aunt, or descendant of same		6,272 34
Successions, stranger in blood		
Total	311,161 02	546,703 17
ARTICLES IN SCHEDULE A.		
Billiard tables	$67,999 89	$67,733 70
Carriages	220,076 12	2220,720 21
Distilled spirits, imported	A176,038 87	2252,660 29
Piano-fortes, &c.		7,751 63
Plate of gold	66 29	136 62
Plate of silver	120,024 37	117,998 93
Watches, gold		9,138 61
Yachts	2,673 50	2,098 33
Total	$606,878 43	$780,386 83
PASSPORTS, &c.		
Passports	$11,001 00	$27,409 29
Substitu's furnished by brokers		2,130 00
Total	$11,001 00	$29,539 29
Income of 1863, special duty on		28,929,312 02
Total		28,929,312 02
Penalties, &c	$185,234 94	$517,627 41
Total	$185,234 94	$517,627 41
Canal companies' dividends	61,323 60	348,29 006
Canal companies' interest on bonds	30,788 00	29,950 39
Turnpike companies' dividends	16,373 73	25,748 90
Turnpike companies' interest on bonds	1,121 10	904 87
Total	7,017,847 03	14,388,606 43
Receipts from salaries	1,705,124 63	2,896,333 97
Total	5,864,945 14	11,162,392 14
Receipts from the sale of stamps		
Total	5,864,945 14	11,162,392 14
BANKS, RAILROAD COMPANIES, &C.		
Bank dividends and addition to surplus funds	$1,577,010 73	$3,987,309 65
Bank circulation	2,056,996 00	41,993,081 84
Bank deposits	780,723 82	2,043,841 08
Bank capital		4803,367 96
Insurance Co's. dividends and addition to surplus funds	445,386 17	794,656 38
Insurance Co's. premiums	622,933 42	2961,572 99
Railroad Co's. dividends	327,393 36	3,470,816 89
Railroad Co's. interest on bond	596,859 09	947,663 61
Receipts from United States Marshals, being net proceeds of suits recovered on account of this office	408 32	2,735 29
Total	408 32	2,735 29
Receipts from the Solicitor of the Treasury, being amounts collected by warrants of distress	7,967 22	
Total	7,967 22	

a Including calf skins tanned, and American patent, goat, hog, horse, kid, morocco, sheep and deer skins, and leather of the following descriptions: Band and belt, sole and rough, and harness made from hides imported from east of the Cape of Good Hope; sole or rough, hemlock tanned; sole or rough, oak tanned; harness, curried upper, offal and damaged, patent or enameled, oil-dressed, patent or enameled skirting, and patent Japanned split, used for dasher leather.

b Assessed prior to June 30, 1864.

c Including manufactures of bone, brass, bristles, flax, hemp, hose, horn, ivory, jute, lead, paper, tin, willow, worsted; zinc and other materials not otherwise provided for.

d Assessed prior to June 30, 1864.

e Including steamers and vessels boarding passengers.

f Assessed prior to June 30, 1864.

† $605,901 94 paid to collectors on premiums and assessments of insurance companies, (see page 205,) have been deducted from profits, in this table, and united with in $155,511 05 paid directly to the Commissioner, (see page 341,) and placed under the class of banks, railroad companies, &c., opposite No. 354.

g Assessed prior to June 30, 1864.

h Included in the report for 1864 with manufactures and productions.

i Including $ 95 paid to collectors.

j Including $2,907 63 paid to collectors.

k Including $322 80 paid to collectors.

l Including $605,901 94 paid to collectors.

RECAPITULATION.

ARTICLES AND OCCUPATIONS.	COLLECTIONS FOR 1863.	1864.	1865.
Total receipts from	$	$	$
Manufactures	24,403,091 34	75,461,278 00	104,379,609 56
Slaughter'd anim'ls	710,812 97	898,549 73	1,261,397 09
Gross receipts	1,340,371 92	2,903,865 90	5,891,874 13
Sales	64,003 87	141,281 68	4,982,343 84
Licenses	6,825,179 45	14,978,203 96	12,613,478 07
Income	455,741 26	14,983,362 33	20,740,451 33
Legacies, &c	56,592 61	311,161 02	546,703 17
Schedule A	365,689 93	606,878 43	780,386 83
Passports, &c	8,456 00	11,001 00	29,539 29
Special income			28,929,312 02
Penalties, &c	27,170 14	185,234 94	517,627 41
Banks, railroad companies, &c	1,910,936 97	7,017,547 03	14,388,606 43
Salaries	696,191 71	1,705,124 63	2,896,333 97
Stamps	4,140,175 29	5,864,945 14	11,162,392 14
U. S. Marshals		408 32	2,735 29
Solicitor of the Treasury		7,967 22	
Grand total	11,003,192 98	*117,145,748 82	211,128,429 17

*Including $235,076 08, amount refunded

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.

TENNESSEE ASKS RECOGNITION.

Mr. GRIMES presented the petition of Messrs. COOPER, STOKES, MAYNARD, and others, Representatives elect from the State of Tennessee, setting forth the facts connected with the reorganization of that State, and asking that the present State Government be recognized as the true and proper Government of the State, entitled to the same immunities and prerogatives as it was endowed with by virtue of the act of June, 1796, and until her relations with the General Government were disturbed by the treasonable conduct of some of her citizens.

The petition was referred to the Committee of Fifteen.

CIVIL RIGHTS PETITIONS.

Petitions for the abolition of distinction in civil rights on account of color, were presented by Messrs. CHANDLER, SUMNER, CRAGIN, and others, and referred to the Committee of Fifteen.

ABOLISHING THE DISTINCTION OF SEX.

Mr. SUMNER presented the petition of women of New-England, asking that no distinction on account of sex be made in the bestowal of the elective franchise.

Mr. SUMNER said he presented the above because it was sent to him. He deemed it proper to say, however, that he did not think that this was the proper time for the consideration of that subject. He moved its reference to the Committee on Reconstruction, and it was so referred.

ASSESSORS ASKING FOR MORE PAY.

Mr. WADE presented the petition of Assist

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Feb. 14, 1866.

$22,000 U. S. 6s, '67	113	300 Wyom. V. Coal	40
16,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C.	107⅝	200 N. Y. Gas	93¾
5,000 U. S. 6s '81 C.	104	300 do	93¾
3,000 U.S. 6s 5-20s C.'65	102⅝	600 do	93⅝
5,000 U.S. 6s 5-20s C.'65	102⅝	200 do	93⅝
11,800 U.S.6s 5-20s C.'64	102⅝	600 do	93⅝
3,000 U.S. 6s 5-20s C.'65	102⅝	200 Erie Railroad	78¾
5,000 U. S. 6s 5-20s C.	94⅛	600 do	78¾
1,000 Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s.		300 do	78⅝
First Series	98⅝	20 Reading R	100⅝
14,000 do 2d Ser.	98⅛	200 do	100⅝
1,000 U. S. 6s, 1 yr. C.		1000 do	100⅝
New Issue	98⅛	100 do	s10 100⅝
10,000 N.Y. 6s, 1 yr. Loan		100 do	s30 100⅝
	100⅞	40 Mich. Cen. R	100
14,000 Tenn. 6s, '90	69	400 M. S. & N. I.	69⅜
1,000 do	69⅛	200 do	69⅜
5,000 Virginia 6s	70	200 do	s10 69⅜
2,000 Missouri 6s	93	200 do	s10 69⅜
2,000 Mo. 6s issued '60	93	100 do	s3 69⅜
Pacific Bonds	98	100 do	s3 69⅜
20,000 Ohio & M. Cer.	93⅛	25 Ill. Central R.	115
20,000 do	93⅛	100 do	s4 call 114
40,000 do	93⅛	100 Cleve. & Pitts. R	90⅜
2,000 N. Y. Cen. 6s '67	97	1000 do	90⅜
7,000 C., Buf. & Q. 6s	110	1000 do	90⅜
8,000 Cley. & Tol. R. R.	97	1000 do	90⅜
1,000 N. J. Cen. 1st m.	105½	1000 do	90⅜
30 Metropol. Bank	101⅜	300 do	90⅜
5 do	102	100 do	90⅜
10 Bank of N. Amer.	44½	1000 do	90⅜
20 Com. National Bk.	105	200 Cleve. & Tol.	107
100 Phenix Bank	86	200 Chi. & R. I.	103
61 Bank of Republic	103	100 do	s30 103
10 Bank of Commerce	105	300 do	s30 103
200 Canton Co.	44	100 do	s3 103
200 do 2d call	44	100 do	s3 103⅛
200 Del. & Hud. C.	s60	100 do	s3 103⅛
50 do	124⅜	100 do	s3 103⅛
800 Cum. Coal Pr.	44⅜	1000 do	s3 103⅛
100 do	s60 44⅜	100 do	104
60 West. Union Tel.	55⅛	200 do	s3 103
100 Quick. Min. Co.	42	100 do	s3 call 103⅝
100 do	s30 41⅜	100 Tol., Wab. & W.	104
100 do	41⅜	200 P., Ft. W. & C.	92⅜
100 do	s30 41⅜	50 New-Jersey Cen.	118
100 Mariposa Min.	12⅜	100 Mariposa Pf.	24⅜
200 do 2d call	12⅛	300 Alt. & T. H. R.	58
500 Butler Coal	b30 14⅝	200 Chic. & Alton	134
200 At. Mail S. Co.	113	400 Chi. & Alt. Pr.	118
300 do	108⅛		

1 O'CLOCK BOARD.

$10,000 Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s, Sec. Ser.	99⅛	100 Reading R.	100⅛
10,000 U. S. 6s 5-20s C.	102⅝	500 M. S. & N. I. R.	69⅜
5,000 Quick. Min. Co.	41⅝	100 Cleve. & Pitts.	90⅜
100 do	41⅝	100 Chi. & N. W.	93⅝
100 do	41⅝	100 do	b15 93⅝
100 do	b30 41⅝	100 Chic. & R. I.	104
100 New-York Cen.	88⅜	100 Tol., Wab. & W.	92⅜

2½ o'CLOCK BOARD.

$12,000 U.S. 6s 5-20s C.'62	103	100 N. Y. Central	b7 88⅛
13,000 U.S. 6s 5-20s C.'65	102⅝	200 do	88⅞
2,500 Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s First Series	99⅜	200 do	b30 88⅝
2,000 do Second do	99⅜	200 do	88⅝
2,000 do do Sec. Ser.	99⅜	200 Erie Railroad	78⅜
1,000 U.S. 6s, 1 yr. C.	98⅝	100 Chi. & N. W. P.	93⅝
New Issue	98⅝	100 do	s10 93⅝
500 Quick. Min. Co.	42⅛	100 Chi. & R. I.	103⅝
200 do	42⅛	100 do	104⅛
10,000 O. & M. Cer.	90⅜	200 do	s3 104⅛
10,000 do	90⅜	100 do	s60 103
10,000 do	90⅜	200 do	104⅜
170 At. Mail St. Co.	113	100 Clev. & Tol.	107
200 Mariposa Min.	12⅜	300 Alt. & T. H.	58⅛

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

400 Mariposa Min.	s3 12⅛	100 Mich. S. & N. I.	b3 69⅜
100 Mariposa Pref.	17⅜	200 Chi. & R. I.	103⅝
200 Erie R.	s30 78⅛	do	s10 103⅝
700 do	b3 78⅜	do	c 103⅜
100 do	b5 78⅜	200 Chi. & N. W. Pr.	84½
100 Reading R.	100⅜	do	s3 84⅜
200 do	c 100⅛	do	b3 84⅜
900 Cleve. & Pitts.	90⅛	100 P., Ft. W. & Chi.	b3 92⅛
do	90⅜	do	92⅛
200 do	s3 90⅜	do	b30 92⅛
200 do	s5 90⅜		

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

100 Schuylkill Coal	19	100 Mich. S. & N. I. R.	69⅜
200 Maryland A. Coal	15	400 do	s3 69⅜
100 Quick. Min. Co.	41⅝	100 do	s10 69⅜
200 do	b10 43	200 Chic. & R. Is.	s3 103⅝
200 Mariposa Min.	s3 12⅜	400 do	b3 103⅝
100 do	12⅜	100 do	b30 104
1400 Erie Railroad	78⅜	200 do	b60 104
100 do	78⅜	100 do	104
100 New-York Cen.	b30 88⅜	200 do	s3 104
100 do	88⅜	100 do	s15 103⅝
100 Hud. Riv. R.	101	100 Chi. & N. W. Pf.	84½
300 do	101	100 do	s3 85⅛
100 do	101⅛	100 do	s3 85⅛
500 Cleve. & Pitts.	90⅜		

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

100 Quick. M. Co.	43⅜	100 Chic. & N.W.	s3 93⅝
100 do	b10 42⅜	200 do	s3 93⅝
400 do	s3 42⅜	600 do	s3 93⅝
100 Mar. Mining Co.	12½	200 do	s3 93⅝
100 do	12⅝	100 do	b3 93⅝
100 N. Y. Cen.	88⅞	1000 Chic. & N.W. P.	84½
200 do	b3 88⅝	500 do	s3 85⅛
100 Erie R.	s30 78⅜	200 do	s3 85⅛
600 do	b3 78⅜	200 do	s3 85⅛
200 do	78⅜	600 do	s3 85⅛
200 Cleve. & P.	s3 90⅜	100 do	s3 85⅛
400 Reading R.	100⅜	300 do	b30 85⅛
400 Mich. S. & N. I.	s3 69⅜	200 do	b3 85⅛
100 do	s3 69⅜	200 do	b3 85⅛
100 Chic. & R. Is.	104⅛	100 P., Ft. W. & C.	b10 92⅜

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14—P. M.

The price of Gold remains steady at the decline established at the close of last week. The Customs demand on Monday and Tuesday amounted to $1,288,084, but out of these large receipts it is believed that the Government has sold about a million of dollars, to ease the supply of Gold and Gold Certificates in the transactions of the Custom-house and of the Foreign Exchanges—the latter being settled on the basis of Gold, through requiring at present no export. The deliveries of the Gold Room are now made with comparative facility as between borrower and lender. There is a large export movement in the Cotton market since Monday, the fall in prices having brought in a good many Liverpool and Manchester orders, the limits of which could not be reached until the decline that followed the last news. Merchant bills on England drawn against these orders are being placed with the Bankers at about 106 ℔ cent., while the Bankers in turn are drawing their own Exchange at 107¼ @107½ ℔ cent. A like activity in the Cotton market in New-Orleans is reported by telegraph. Further news from the English market was looked for to-day, but up to the close of regular 'Change hours had not been received. Four steamers with later dates are due at Halifax, Portland and New-York.

In the afternoon the effect of the easier supply of Gold was more sensibly felt in the Gold Room, and the price went down from 138¾ to 137¾ ℔ cent. The Government added another half million to their Customs receipts to-day, and was believed to be a seller again at 138¾@¾ ℔ cent. The Currency thus realized off the Gold Customs to pay the half-yearly interest on the 7.30 ℔ cents., First Series, due to-morrow, will materially assist the current finances of the Treasury. The operation virtually pays 7.30 ℔ cent. ℔ annum interest, with less than 5.30 ℔ cent. out of the Customs revenue. Cash Gold was very easy at the close of the day.

No change to-day in the course of the Money market. At the Stock Exchange and on Wall-street the Government Securities were firmer than yesterday on the Gold-bearing 5-20s of all classes. The belief gains ground that there will be no further issue of 6 ℔ cent. Gold-bearing Stocks, even of 5-20s, for some time to come, if at all, before the conversion of the 7.30s in 1867 and 1868, and we believe it to be true that the Administration mean to take their own good time in funding or reducing the other temporary obligations of the Government, and to make the very cheapest rate of Gold Interest consistent with the high credit and ample revenues and resources of the country. In view of the case, it is safe to admonish the numerous holders of the 7.30 ℔ cent. Currency Bonds not to part hastily or too cheaply with a convertible security which, calling for 6 ℔ cent. Gold-bearing 5-20s, 18 or 30 months hence, may then be worth 105@108 ℔ cent. The old 5-20s sold at 103, and the new of 1865 at 102¼ per cent. this afternoon.

On the Railway list a formidable demonstration was made in the forenoon to check the advance in prices, and the bearish interest in the market was considerably increased both on cash sales and 30@60 day options. The impression made on the New-York and Western Roads was not over ⅜@¾ ℔ cent., but the momentary effect was to create a dull feeling on the breaking up of the morning Boards. In the afternoon, however, the decline was more than recovered, and a very strong market followed for nearly all descriptions, and less eagerness shown to remit the advance.

At 4 o'clock the following quotations were made as compared with Tuesday afternoon. The Railways generally strong; Governments firm; in the Foreign Exchanges an increased business, because of the lower figure for Gold, and Gold itself about steady at 138 ℔ cent.

	Tues.	Wed.		Tues.	Wed.
U. S. 10-40s	94⅝	94⅝	Northwest	39¾	39¼
U. S. 5-20s	102⅞	103	N. West Pref	55⅜	56⅛
U. S. 7.30s	99⅞	99⅝	Rock Island	103⅜	104⅜
N. Y. Central	89	89⅝	Fort Wayne	92⅜	92⅝
Erie	78⅝	78⅝	Cumb'land Coal	44⅜	44⅜
Hudson	101⅜	101⅞	Quicksilver	41¾	42⅜
Reading	100⅜	100⅜	Mariposa	12⅜	12⅝
Mich. Southern	69¾	69¾	Ohio	90⅜	91
Illinois Central	114	114	Ohio Certificates	27	26⅞
Pittsburgh	81	80¾	American Gold	138⅞	138
Prairie du Chien	95	95	Bills on London	107½	107¼

The following bids were made for the City Bank Shares:

New-York	110	Bank of N. America	109
Merchants'	110	Hanover	109
Mechanics'	110	Metropolitan	121¼
America	135	Citizens'	120
Phenix	86	Market	113
Tradesmen's	120	Shoe and Leather	102
Fulton	105	Corn Exchange	109
Merchants' Exch'ge	108½	St. Nicholas	90
Leather Manufac'rs'	120	Commonwealth	100
State of New York	106	Atlantic	100
Commerce	106	Importers' & Traders'	140
Mech'cs' Bk'g Ass'n	106	Park	142
Ocean	90	Manufac. & Mechanics'	90
American Exchange	113	N.Y. Nation'l Ex. B'k	112
Chatham	120	Central National	108
Bank of Republic	108	Fourth National	97½

And the following for the Railway mortgages':

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1867	92	Chi. & N. W. 1st B.	88
do 7s	97	do 2d B.	78
Erie 7s, 1st mort.	93	Sink. & West's Bonds	93
Erie 7s, 2d mort.	82	Chi. & N. W. Sink. F.	93
Erie 7s, 3d mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Conv.	93
Erie 7s, 4th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Int. Bds	93
Erie 7s, 5th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 6th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 7th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 8th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 9th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 10th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 11th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 12th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 13th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 14th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 15th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 16th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 17th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 18th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 19th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 20th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 21st mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 22d mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 23d mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 24th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 25th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 26th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 27th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 28th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 29th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 30th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 31st mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 32d mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 33d mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 34th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 35th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 36th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 37th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 38th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 39th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 40th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 41st mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 42d mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 43d mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 44th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 45th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 46th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 47th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 48th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 49th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 50th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 51st mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 52d mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 53d mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 54th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 55th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 56th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 57th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 58th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
Erie 7s, 59th mort.	77	Chi. & N. W. Sterling	93
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in counsel's hands, he insisted that he would place himself upon trial, and not allow any stain to rest upon himself, such as might rest if he allowed an indictment to remain against him; that he was glad to say that circumstances had occurred which rendered it proper for him to waive his privilege, and place himself before the Court for trial; that he had in his possession a letter from the Chilian Minister, explaining the circumstances under which the telegram was sent, which he would read as follows:

NEW-YORK, *Feb. 12, 1866.*

MY DEAR SIR: As it may prove of interest in the case of Mr. B. V. Mackenna, in which you are counsel, to establish his character as a man of honor and truth in its real light, I deem it my duty to state to you that I forwarded to him at the proper time the appointment of secretary of this Legation, according to instructions which I had received from my Government.

But as Mr. Vicuna Mackenna had not yet been officially presented to the State Department, he was free to assume or decline that position.

This circumstance explains why the honorable Secretary of State informed the District-Attorney that Mr. Mackenna was not received as such Secretary at the Washington Department, and at the same time places in its true light the telegram which I sent to that functionary, stating that Mr. Mackenna was one of the secretaries of legation.

Hoping that this explanation will be satisfactory for which purpose I take pleasure in sending you this communication. I have the honor to be your obedient servant, F. S. ASTA BURUAGA,

Chilian Minister.

Mr. Stoughton proceeded: With this explanation, which I have thought it due to Mr. Mackenna to make, I now, on his behalf, withdraw all objection to his privilege, conceiving that he is justified in doing so. We are ready to plead to the indictment, and desire to have as early a trial as possible. He would suffer any inconvenience rather than to suffer his Government to be injured in the eyes of our Government and of the world, and he is ready to pursue the course which I have proposed.

Mr. Dickinson, the United States District-Attorney, rose and said: After the remarks of my learned friend, some explanation may be due to the Government. The circumstances of this affair were thrown upon the authorities suddenly, and with little time for consideration, various measures were instituted upon my direction. It is due to the President and the Secretary of State to say that I have received from them instructions that what I have done was approved, and that they were determined in all circumstances to preserve in good faith all the obligations of International law. The circumstances rendered it advisable, in my opinion, that the facts connected with Mr. Mackenna should be presented to the Grand Jury; an indictment was found, and a bench warrant was issued on the 6th inst. Early on the morning of the 7th, I learned for the first time that he had obtained a private pass at representing the Chilian Government. The position in which we had found him had seemed to indicate no such position, and I had not heard of it before. I telegraphed at once to Washington the circumstances in some detail. Before getting a dispatch in answer, I received from the Chilian Minister a dispatch in these words:

WASHINGTON, *Feb. 7, 1866.*

To the United States District Attorney:

Mr. B. V. Mackenna may not be considered to belong to the Chilian Legation. F. S. ASTA BURUAGA,

Chilian Minister.

Shortly after I received from the Secretary of State the following:

DATED WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 1866.

To Daniel S. Dickinson, United States District-attorney:

Benjamin V. Mackenna is not known to this Government as having any diplomatic privileges. You will proceed accordingly. WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

On receiving the motion papers in this case I wrote at once requesting a speedy answer, as the motion was for this morning, and I received the following reply:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

I certify that it appears from the records and files of this Department that Benjamin Vicuna Mackenna is not now and never has been Secretary to the Chilian Legation in the United States; and that he is not and never has been accredited to this government in any capacity which would entitle him to the privileges and immunities of a diplomatic agent pursuant to the law of nations and the act of Congress in such cases provided.

In testimony whereof I, WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State of the United States, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this twelfth day of February, A. D. 1866, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.

[Seal.] WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

I have thus given the history of what has been the course of the Government, and the documents which —I say it with due deference—seem to justify its action. We have no desire to do injustice to this gentleman, but merely that he shall be made amenable to the laws if it is found that he has violated some of them. We desire to regard him as the law regards him—as entitled to equal rights and immunities before it.

Mr. Stoughton remarked that the act of Congress provided that any one who should arrest a Minister of a foreign power should be considered a disturber of the public tranquillity. It might be claimed from the letter which the gentleman had read, that the privilege of which he had spoken did not exist. He made the remark that he might not be considered as accepting that view.

Mr. Dickinson said he differed from the gentleman in his views of the law in the case, and that a Minister was not such till he was acknowledged as such by the Government to which he was accredited.

A formal plea of not guilty was then put in to the indictment. Neither party being at present ready for trial, the case went over to a day to be fixed early in March.

The Court asked if it was desired that Mr. Mackenna should remain under arrest.

Mr. Dickinson said the matter had better take its usual course.

Both parties therefore agreed that the bail should be continued.

The same disposition was made of the case of Dr. Rogers, and the Court adjourned.

"Our American Cousin" Again in Court.

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TERM—FEB. 14.

Before Monell, Garvin and Jones, Justices.

Laura Keene vs. John S. Clarke and Wm. Stewart.—This was the injunction suit commenced by Laura Keene against the defendants to restrain the performance of "Our American Cousin" at the Winter Garden Theatre. The complaint of Miss Keene was dismissed in the trial before Judge Barbour, from whose decision she now appealed. The previous injunction had also been refused by Judge Moncrief.

Mr. Bourgeois, counsel for the appellant, commenced the argument of the case, when Mr. Edwin James, counsel for defendants, raised a preliminary objection that the judicial proceedings of United States Circuit Court, held in Philadelphia, were inadmissable on various legal grounds, and that the Judge in the Court below had never given any judgment upon the questions now raised by the appeal.

The Court, after considerable discussion, sustained the objection raised, intimated that it was fatal to the appeal, but at the request of plaintiff's counsel, adjourned to permit counsel on the argument to afford an opportunity of amending the case if legally done.

Messrs. Booth, Berrier & McGregor, for plaintiff and appellant; Edwin James and Dunphy for defendants and respondents.

Suit to Recover a Letter Written by Gen. Washington in 1783—The Jury Assess the Value of the Letter at $2,050.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—FEB. 14.

Before Justice Foster and a Jury.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of New-York vs. De Witt C. Lent, E. R. Bangs, A. W. Merwin, and another.—This action was brought to recover the possession of an autograph letter written by Gen. Geo. Washington in 1785, addressed to the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York. The complaint asks to have the letter returned, or that plaintiffs be permitted to recover of defendants the value thereof, which they allege to be $2,500.

The defendants in their answer allege that Bangs, Merwin, and the last defendant therein named, were auctioneers in this City, doing business as such, under the firm name of Bangs, Merwin & Co.; that some time prior to the year 1834, one John Allen become legally possessed of the autograph letter in question. That in November, 1863, said Allan died, and that one Margaret Stewart, daughter of Allan, as his executrix, become possessed thereof. Mrs. Stewart, it was alleged, took the letter, with a large number of others, to Messrs. Bangs & Merwin, to sell. Allan in his lifetime was a gatherer of old and rare books, pictures, coins and autograph letters, and it seems that property of this character, to the value of near $2,000, was put into the store of Bangs & Merwin; they to sell them in the usual manner. The defendant Lent attended the sale, bid off the letter for $2,050, but omitted to pay anything on his purchase. He kept the letter two days, and then returned it to the auctioneers, with the request that they would rescind the sale. This they refused to do. Lent then asked them to retain possession of it and sell it, if possible on his account. Meanwhile the city authorities learned that this letter was on exhibition, and at once laid claim to it. They insisted that it was the property of the city, that it had been wrongfully taken from their possession, and demanded its return. This being refused, an action was brought to recover its possession or the value of it. It will be seen from this statement that Mrs. Stewart is the real party defendant in interest. The defendant, among other things, set up as defences the statute of limitations—that is, that more than six years had elapsed after the cause of action arose, and before the commencement of the suit. They also alleged that the deceased man Allan had the peaceable possession of the letter for more than thirty years.

The following is a *verbatim et literatum* copy of the letter in suit, as obtained by Mr. David T. Valentine, the venerable Clerk of the Common Council, also an account of the proceedings of the Common Council when the letter was received:

COPY OF WASHINGTON'S LETTER AND NAMES OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL IN 1785.

City of New-York, ss.—At a Common Council held at the Almshouse of this City, on Tuesday, the 3d of May, 1785—present, James Duane, Esq., Mayor; Alvin P. Lott, Who Become, Wm. W. Gilbert, Wm. Neiland, Esqs., Aldermen Abram Van Gelder, George Janeway, Daniel Phoenix, Jonr. Lawrence, Assts., Mr. Mayor produced to the Board a letter from his Excellency Gen. Washington, covering his answer to the address of the Corporation of the 3d of December last, which said answer is in the words following, namely:

To the Honorable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York:

GENTLEMEN: I received your address and the freedom of the City, with which you have been pleased to present me in a golden box, with the sensibility and gratitude which such distinguished honors have claim to. The flattering expression of both stamps value on the acts, and call for stronger language than I am master of, to convey my sense of the obligation in adequate terms.

To have had the good fortune, amidst the vicissitudes of a long and arduous contest, never to have known a moment when I did not possess the confidence and esteem of my country, and that my conduct should have met the approbation and obtained the affectionate reward of the State of New-York (where difficulties were numerous and complicated) may be ascribed more to the indulgence of Divine Wisdom which had disposed the minds of the people, harrassed on all sides, to make allowances for the embarrassments of my situation, while with fortitude and patience they sustained the loss of their capitol and valuable part of their territory, and to the liberal sentiments and great exertion of her virtuous citizens, than to any merit of mine.

The reflection of these things now, after the many hours of anxious solicitation which all of us have had, is as pleasing as our embarrassments at the moment we encountered them were distressing, and must console us for past sufferings and perplexities.

I pray that Heaven may in store its choicest blessings on your city—that the dissolution of time in which you found it may soon be without a trace; that a well-regulated and beneficial commerce may enrich all your citizens, and that your State (at present the seat of the Empire) may set such examples of wisdom and liberality as shall have a tendency to strengthen and give permanency to the Union at home, and credit and respectability to it abroad—the accomplishment whereof is the remaining wish and the primary object of all my desires. GO. WASHINGTON.

The certificate of Mr. Valentine is dated Oct. 15, 1866.

The Court, in charging the jury, said that if they believed from the testimony that Allan or his representative came into possession of the letter wrongfully, the defence as to the statute of limitations was a good one, and the plaintiffs in that event could not recover; but if, on the contrary, it had been loaned to Allan, or if in any other way he had gained possession of it legally, the defence of the statute of limitations was no bar to the action. The jury, after an absence of nearly three hours, returned into Court with the following verdict: "The jury find for the plaintiffs, and assess the damages for the detention of the letter at six cents; and they assess the value of the letter at $2,050." This is the amount that Mr. Lent agreed to pay for it when he bought it of the auctioneers.

For plaintiffs, Messrs. O'Gorman, Hackett and Vanderpoel; for defendant, Mr. F. N. Bangs.

Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Before Judge Barnard.

The case of Zeno Burnham, the alleged mock-auctioneer, occupied another day. The defence produced additional testimony for the character of the prisoner.

The prosecution in rebutial called Ex-Mayor Gunther, Mayor Hoffman, Capt. Young, of the Detective Police, all of whom testified that the character of the prisoner was bad, and that complaints against him had been very frequent.

Mr. Holmes took the ground that the indictment was based on two counts which were inconsistent with each other; that instead of being two separate counts they were separate charges of distinct crimes, and that the people should be required by the Court to select one of the charges with which to go to the jury.

Mr. Hall argued that the indictment was drawn in accordance with the statute which had been framed purposely to include a variety of offences.

Ex-Recorder Smith spoke for the defence for about three hours and a half, beginning by charging the District-Attorney with attempting to prejudice the jury against the prisoner in his opening. He next went on to describe what constituted mock-auctions, and defined any person to prove that the auctions of Zeno Burnham were of the same character. He contended that the fact of the prosecutrix having taken a receipt from Burnham for the $1,000 U. S. bond which she testified he took from her, showed a regular business transaction. The Ex-Recorder took occasion to devote a large portion of his argument to uncomplimentary allusions to the first witness, who, he said, had been used to vilify Burnham and to aim at him. Toward the end of his speech, he became frank, and stated to the jury that the press he had alluded to so much was a certain weekly which seldom, or never goes into respectable families. He claimed that of all the witnesses, including Ex-Mayors and Police Captains, which the prosecution had called to rebut the evidence of the defence for character, only that given by Capt. Young, of the Detective Police, was entitled to the credit of being true. The burden of Capt. Young's testimony was that the reputation of Burnham was bad, and that on one occasion he had assisted Burnham in settling a transaction with a person who had complained of being imposed upon. After submitting some points to the Court, with a request that they be presented to the jury, the Ex-Recorder resumed his seat.

The Court then adjourned till this morning at 11 o'clock, when Assistant District-Attorney Bedford will sum up for the people.

Sentence of Counterfeiters.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—EASTERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Benedict.

The two counterfeiters, Gaetano Lucchese and Nelson C. Stewart were yesterday brought up for sentence.

A motion for a new trial, which had been made in the case of Lucchese for alleged error in the exclusion of evidence, was denied.

Judge Garrison, his counsel, urged that his punishment should be mitigated, and the Court in sentencing him said that the sentence imposed was as light as was consistent with the ends of justice.

He was sentenced to be imprisoned at hard labor in the Albany Penitentiary for four years, and to pay a fine of $1.

Stewart's case was then called up. His counsel, Mr. Whiting, was heard in his behalf.

Stewart was then asked if he had anything to say for himself.

He said he had nothing beyond what had been offered at the trial, on which he said the only witnesses who had not sworn falsely were Mrs. Lawrence and Mr. Garvin. He did not think he had been employed by the Government as a detective, and had been the means of bringing many criminals to justice, and had done his work faithfully. He blamed Mr. Lowell for bringing him into his present situation. Mr. Lowell, he said, was to have employed counsel for him, but had not done so. He had no fault to find with his counsel; the Court had accommodated him by postponing it, for which he was thankful, as well as to the counsel who, without fee or reward, had defended him.

The Court in sentencing him, said that his case was not one that called for clemency, and imposed a sentence of ten years at hard labor in the Albany Penitentiary, and a fine of $1,000.

Court of General Sessions.

Before Judge Russel.

Wm. Rosenthal pleaded guilty of an attempt at grand larceny, in having stolen from Rascetta Rosetta, No. 189 Greenwich-street, on the 2d of February, various articles to the value of $72. He was sentenced to the Penitentiary for six months.

Dennis Riley pleaded guilty of grand larceny, and was remanded for sentence.

Anthony Ransom was tried and convicted of robbery in the first degree, for taking from the person of Constantine Stradeno, the sum of $150 on the 3d of February. He was sentenced to the State Prison for ten years.

Abraham McDonald, charged with participating in the commission of the robbery with Anthony Ransom, was tried and acquitted.

United States District Attorney's Office.

United States District Attorney Dickinson received a dispatch from the State Department, notifying him that the exequatur issued on the 18th of October, 1864, recognizing Estaban Rogers as Consul at Genoa for the Republic of Chili for the port of New-York and its dependencies, and declaring him free to exercise and enjoy such functions, powers and privileges as are allowed to Consuls, had been revoked by the President.

United States Commissioner's Office.

Before Commissioner Stilwell.

The examination of John D. Slater and Charles Miller, charged with passing counterfeit fifty cent currency, was concluded yesterday, and both the accused held for trial in the sum of $500 each.

Decisions.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—FEB. 14.

By Justice Ingraham.

Terence McGuire *vs.* Courtlandt Palmer; complaint dismissed, with costs; an extra allowance of $30 granted. Jacob M. Haines *vs.* Chas. Gerding; motion granted, without costs. Jeremiah J. Coleman, &c., *vs.* Isaac W. Biydenburgh, &c.; motion granted, with $10 costs. Charles M. Marsh, &c., *vs.* The New-York and Harlem Railroad Company; motion granted.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—FEB. 14.

By Justice Ingraham.

F. Phillips *vs.* Solomon Damlitz; motion denied, with $10 costs, to abide the event.

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GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., Feb. 10, 1866.

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Amusements this Evening.

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THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 8½ o'clock, FANCY DRESS BALL of the GERMAN LIEDERKRANZ SOCIETY. Leader of the orchestra, A. Bernstein.

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THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, the comic opera, CHISPINO E LA COMAXE, (the Cobbler and the Fairy.) Director, Max Maretzek.

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THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE IRON MARK. Characters by Messrs. J. W. Wallack, Charles Fisher, George Holland, Norton, R. T. Ringgold, Williamson, Browne, Graham, Pope, Ward, Cashin; Miss Madeline Henriques, Mrs. John Sefton, Misses M. Barrett, Green, Scott.

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THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, THE LADY OF LYONS. Characters by Miss Bateman, Messrs. J. M. Bowyer, J. C. Cowper, Kaiser, George Becks, E. B. Holmes, J. W. Blaisdell, Barry, Rendle, Nolan, Danvers, Nell, Misses Mary Wells, Farren, Everett, Whitlock, &c.

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OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN and BLACK-EYED SUSAN. Characters by Mrs. John Wood, Miss Eliza Newton, Mr. E. L. Davenport, Mr. J. H. Stoddart.

WOOD'S THEATRE,
Broadway, opposite St. Nicholas Hotel.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, RIP VAN WINKLE and ACTING MAD. Characters by Mr. Frank Drew and the whole company.

LUCY RUSHTON'S NEW-YORK THEATRE,
Nos. 728 and 730 Broadway.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, THE BLACK DOMINO and BETWEEN YOU AND ME AND THE POST. Characters by Messrs. W. A. Meslayer, Clarke, Pearson and Higgins; Miss Lucy Rushton, Mrs. Meader, Mrs. Mark Smith, and the entire strength of the company.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 7 o'clock, THE DRUNKARD—JACK'S THE LAD—POUTER'S WEDDING. Characters by Mr. G. C. Boniface, and the entire company.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, UNCLE SOLOMON SHUFFLE and IRVINGOLIAN. Characters by Messrs. John E. Owens, W. C. Forbes, J. W. Albaugh, F. J. Evans, H. L. Hinton, W. H. Hamblin, E. Jordan, J. D. Bilby, F. W. Williams; Mrs. A. Hind, Miss Saidee Cole.

FOX'S OLD BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, THE FEMALE DETECTIVE, and the DENOUNCER. Characters by Mr. G. L. Fox, Miss Fanny Herring and the company.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.
THIS AFTERNOON at 3. EVENING at 7½ o'clock GRAND CIRCUS PERFORMANCE. PERFORMING THREE-HORNED BULL. Previous to the Circus performance, the romantic drama of JESSIE GRAY; or, THE CONVICT'S VENGEANCE. Giants, dwarfs, and 100,000 curiosities.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, THE LIVE INGIN; LA SONNAMBULAR; HOW ARE YOU GREENBACKS. Characters by Dan Bryant, Lattie Mac, Rollin Howard, Neise Seymour, Dave Reed, Neil Bryant, &c.

AMERICAN THEATRE.
Broadway, between Howard and Grand sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb 15, commencing at 7½ o'clock, MILES O'RILEY'S CAMPAIGN; LES MESSINIENNES AND TERPISCHORE, and the Corps de Ethiope in side-splitting acts.

SOMERVILLE ART GALLERY,
No. 845 Broadway.
THIS DAY AND EVENING—Exhibition of Bierstadt's last work, STORM IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, for the benefit of the "Nursery and Child's Hospital."

THE STUDIO BUILDINGS.
No. 15 Tenth-street, near Sixth-avenue.
THIS DAY, Feb. 15, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Exhibition of FRENCH, ENGLISH and FLEMISH PICTURES, by celebrated artists.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS AND HIPPOTHEATRON.
14th-st., opposite the Academy of Music.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 8 o'clock, ENGLISH AS IRISH SPIRITS; OR, THE SILVER SHOWER; Or, SPORTS AND PASTIMES IN FAIRY LAND. THE KNIGHTS OF THE MAELSTROM. Characters by Levi North, James Robinson, Mme. Louise Tournaire, and the whole troupe.

STEINWAY'S ROOMS.
Nos. 71 and 73 East 14th-st.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, commencing at 8 o'clock, Mr. GOLDBECK'S PIANO-FORTE CONCERT, assisted by Messrs. J. G. Rockwood, G. B. Aiken, Jehin Prume, and Henry Mollenhauer.

CITY ASSEMBLY ROOMS.
Broadway, between Grand and Howard sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 15, BALL OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH REGIMENT.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a petition for recognition from the Senators and Representatives elect from Tennessee, was referred to the Committee of Fifteen. Mr. SUMNER presented a petition from certain women of New-England for the abolition of sex in certain cases. It is but just to add that the Senator declined to indorse the proposition. Petitions of deputy assessors of internal revenue for increased pay were presented. The Constitutional Amendment was then taken up, and Mr. HENDERSON concluded his speech, during which he had a spirited colloquy with Mr. YATES. Mr. CLARK continued the debate, and the Senate at 5 P. M. adjourned.

In the House, the resolution to allow the use of hulks for quarantine purposes in New-York Harbor, was adopted. Petitions were presented from photographers in New-York for relief from revenue tax. A bill was offered (and referred to a Special Committee) to establish a National Bureau of Education. The Ways and Means Committee were instructed to report upon the propriety of revising the tobacco tax. The Senate bill to increase the clerical force of the Post-office Department was adopted. The joint resolution to appoint a commission to select a site for the Post-office in New-York City, was adopted. A debate then arose on a bill reported by Mr. ALLEY, authorizing the Postmaster-General to deposit postage stamps with such persons as he may select, for sale and circulation. Compensation not exceeding five per cent. is to be allowed. No action was taken. The contested Michigan election case was then taken up, and the majority report confirming Mr. TROWBRIDGE in the possession of the seat, was passed. The Bankrupt Bill was taken up. Mr. STEVENS opposed its passage on the ground that rebels could take advantage of it to free themselves from their debts.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, a bill was reported "to amend the act relative to frauds in assessments for local improvements in New-York," but the Associated Press reporter is sublimely ignorant of what the amendment is about. Another lively bit of news is notice of a bill "to regulate fees of physicians and surgeons in certain cases," but the certain cases are carefully omitted. A bill was passed "to regulate taxes on lands taken or to be taken for Croton Aqueduct." Owners of lands will be glad to know that the business is "regulated," but if any interested party wants to know the nature of the regulation he can find out by making a journey to the office of the Secretary of State. A bill was offered authorizing the Staten Island Shore Railroad Company to increase their capital stock to $350,000. A bill was offered providing that work on the canals shall be let to the lowest responsible bidders. The Governor sent in the charges against Judge GEORGE W. SMITH, of Oneida County, recommending a formal investigation.

The Assembly voted to hold a convention (with the Senate) on Friday to elect a Police Commissioner. The Health question then came up, and Mr. LITTLEJOHN'S motion to substitute the Senate bill for the bill reported by the majority of the Assembly Committee, was lost; yeas 46, nays 72. The Assembly bill was then ordered to a third reading; yeas 83, nays 34. A bill was offered to extend for two years the term of office of the Commissioners construct a public market in New-York. A bill for a railroad across the City at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street, was proposed.

GENERAL NEWS.

The oil region of Western Pennsylvania has become the scene of new marvels, the accounts sounding much like skilful hoaxes, though but the simple record of another chapter in this very wonderful development of our material resources. Nine months ago Pithole City consisted of two houses. A daily paper issuing 3,000 copies, twelve thriving hotels, over 40,000 letters received a month, indicate what the place now is. Last week it was discovered that the oil at various places was oozing from the surface of the ground, wells of water seemed suddenly to be changed to petroleum fountains, and men, women and children rushed with every available vessel to scoop up the fluid from holes only a few feet deep.

Fifteen miles below Franklin, in Western Pennsylvania, an oil well was accidentally set on fire last week, the flame at first being small, but defying all attempts to extinguish it. It soon increased in volume, and at last accounts presented a most wonderful appearance, shooting up from sixty to a hundred feet, and lighting the country for many miles. The ground had become heated for several hundred feet, starting vegetation into the greenness of Spring. The light is seen at Franklin and points much further distant.

The Louisville *Journal* says of Gen. PALMER'S statement that there has been no instance in Kentucky in which those who have committed outrages upon the freedmen have been punished: "We call upon the Legislature at once to stop wrangling and denouncing the Administration, and investigate these grave allegations from a responsible source. We know, from information from Washington, that Gen. PALMER has been unanimously indorsed by the Cabinet. We repeat that the Legislature had better stop its tomfoolery and investigate these statements, and, if they are true, apply a remedy, prompt and efficient, to evils so serious and detrimental to the best interests of the State."

The proceedings of the Texas State Convention, now in session, are looked to with much interest. Gov. HAMILTON calls attention to the absolute regovernment of the General Government touching the doctrine of absolute State sovereignty, the abolishing of Slavery, the rights of the blacks to testify in courts of justice, and to be protected in person and property, and the repudiation of the rebel debt. A vote on a resolution annulling the ordinance of secession smacks somewhat of disloyalty.

The fight between the Atlantic and Great Western and Pennsylvania Railroad companies, which, a few weeks ago, bid fair to be of some prominence, has lost several of its exciting features since the passage of the act authorizing the Allegheny Valley Company to borrow money, etc. Under the provisions of this bill, it is said, the Atlantic and Great Western Company, Sir MORTON PETO, McHENRY and others, have, or can, accomplish all they desire.

BENJ. F. BUTLER has just closed negotiations for a valuable mill property on the James River, near Richmond, intending to erect extensive cotton factories. The Cox farm, containing 2,800 acres, through which runs the Dutch Gap Canal, has been offered to Mr. BUTLER, and he has in contemplation its purchase. New-England families and mill operatives will settle upon it.

The completion of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad to Memphis, and the New-Orleans and Northern Railroad between Grand Junction and New-Orleans, opens to travelers and shippers an all rail route from the Northern cities to Memphis, Vicksburgh, Mobile and New-Orleans.

The Louisville papers express the opinion that the State Capital will be removed from Frankfort to that city. A committee of the Legislature appointed for the purpose are making their investigations, and the city has offered to give $300,000 for the purchase of grounds and the erection of suitable buildings.

A bill for the education of freedmen has been introduced in the Legislature of Florida. It proposes to tax the freedmen themselves to the amount required, the sum to be paid into the State Treasury, to be disbursed by the State and county officers. The Governor indorsed the plan, and asked its reference to a Joint Committee.

The Courts of Texas admit negroes to testify like other persons. They hold that the law against this fall with the reasons of the law. They also decide that Texas is not a "conquered country," and therefore an unconquered State of the Union.

A new gas, made from crude petroleum, is being introduced into Chicago. The Chicago *Post* says the light of the petroleum gas is fully four times greater than the light of the coal gas, and that it can be made at a much less cost.

At the late session of the State Medical Society, held at Albany, resolutions were adopted expressive of the opinion that the cholera may be prevented from becoming epidemic in any city, town or locality by the adoption and rigid enforcement of proper hygienic measures.

A man named BOWLING and six of his confederates, all horse-thieves, were recently executed near Saltillo, Miss., by a party composed of the best citizens. The outrages of BOWLING and gang compelled the citizens to the action.

A Paris letter says that the gold medal for Mrs. LINCOLN, subscribed for in France, is to be presented to her by M. ALBERT, member of the Provisional Government of 1848, who has been selected by the Committee to go to the United States for the purpose.

The Dayton (Ohio) *Journal's* story about twenty-seven children having been drowned by breaking through the ice at Celina, Ohio, is pronounced a hoax.

The bill before the Legislature of Minnesota to amend the Constitution in favor of negro suffrage, with an intelligence qualification, has been indefinitely postponed.

The brig *Vincent*, from London, for Boston, with a cargo of merchandise, struck on Sow and Pigs Ledge, on Monday, at noon, during a thick fog, and bilged. She will probably prove a total loss, unless good weather prevails. All hands were saved.

The Kentucky Senate has adopted the House resolutions requesting the removal of the troops from the State, condemning the Freedmen's Bureau, asking for the restoration of the writ of *habeas corpus*, and rejecting the Constitutional amendment.

At Knoxville, Tenn., on Tuesday, a negro was hung by a mob for shooting Lieut.-Col. DYER, of the First Tennessee Cavalry.

The trial of the Adams Express robbers, CLARK and TRISTRAM, terminated at Bridgeport yesterday. They were found guilty and sentenced to hard labor in the Penitentiary.

The House of the Ohio Legislature has passed the bill fixing eight hours for a day's labor by a vote of 70 to 14.

A convention of agriculturists interested in the cultivation of sorghum is in session at Baltimore.

LOCAL NEWS.

A case that elicited considerable interest was tried yesterday in the Supreme Court Circuit, before Justice FOSTER and a jury. The action was brought by the Mayor and Commonalty of this City against DE WITT C. LENT, E. R. BANGS, A. W. MERWIN and another. The gentlemen last named composed the firm of the well-known book auctioneers, who did business under the name of BANGS, MERWIN & Co. The action was for the purpose of recovering the possession of an autograph letter, written on the 2d of May, 1783, by Gen. GEORGE WASHINGTON, and addressed to the Mayor and Common Council of New-York. The letter purports to be an answer to an invitation tendered to WASHINGTON to come here—the Mayor, &c., promising to give him "the freedom of the City." The plaintiffs' in their complaint demand the letter or its value, which they aver was $2,500. Two or three years ago an antiquarian, named JOHN ALLAN, died in this City, leaving this autograph letter and about $40,000 worth of books, papers and valuable relics of the olden time. Mrs. STEWART, daughter of ALLAN and executrix of his estate, placed the letter with his other effects in the possession of BANGS & MERWIN, to be sold at public auction. On the sale, the letter was bid off at the sum of $2,050 by the defendant, LENT. He kept it two days and returned it to the auctioneers, and asked to have the contract rescinded, which request was refused. Meantime, the City authorities learned of its whereabouts, and made a demand of it from the auctioneers, on the ground that it was their property, and had been wrongfully taken from their possession. The jury, after a long deliberation, rendered the following verdict: "We find for the plaintiffs, and assess their damages for the detention at six cents, and assess the value of the letter at $2,050.

The trial of an action was commenced yesterday in the Marine Court, before Judge GROSS and a jury, against the Hudson River Railroad Company, to recover the sum of $500. The action was brought by Mr. MCDONALD, who alleges that in October last, as his son was driving a team of horses attached to a wagon across the track of the Company's road, between One Hundred and Seventy-fourth and One Hundred and Seventy-sixth streets, a detached engine, running down at great speed, struck his establishment, killed one horse instantly, and injured the other so badly that it died a day or two after. The wagon was entirely ruined, and the driver injured. Plaintiff claims the Company had no flagman at this crossing, as they were by law bound to have. The case is still on.

At Police trials, yesterday, before Commissioners ACTON, BERGEN and MCMURRAY, the Metropolitan Fire Department, the City railways, the Williamsburgh Fire Department, Essex Market Police Court and the shade of WILLIAM POOLE were the conspicuous features. The railway representative bade the Commissioners understand that their officers must pay full fares for riding any distance, if it be but the length of a block; the firemen complained of certain meddlesome Policemen, who had interfered with their bacchanalian diversions; Justice SHANDLEY, representing Essex Market Police Court, appeared to give testimony in a Policeman's behalf, and the ghost of WILLIAM POOLE was raised in a narrative of a felonious assault in a dram-shop.

The Lindsey Blues held their thirteenth annual ball last evening at Irving Hall, opposite the Academy of Music. The room was, despite the downpouring rain, well filled with a goodly assemblage of the friends and members of the Blues. Notwithstanding their name no one seemed to have the blues when the band struck up for the opening polka and schottische on the programme. The music was furnished by Prof. GRAFULLA, who was, by the way, a member of the Reception Committee. A very handsome photographic *carte*, with the names of the committees and the programme of dancing, neatly engrossed thereon, was handed to each of the guests as they stepped on the floor. The thirteenth reunion of the Blues was in every way a decided success, and they have reason to be well satisfied with the result of their efforts.

An inquest was commenced yesterday afternoon by Coroner WILDEY, at the Twenty-seventh Precinct Station-house, in the case of WILLIAM CAHILL, who came to his death from a pistol-shot wound in the head on the 7th inst., in his saloon, No. 66 Cortlandt-street. The testimony of the eye-witnesses was received, and the investigation was postponed until the 20th inst., to afford the Police more time to effect the arrest of MCCORMICK, who, it is alleged, fired the shot which caused CAHILL'S death. The evidence is positive in charging him with the commission of the crime. Only one of his three companions has, as yet, been arrested.

Mrs. MATILDA A. MOODY has brought an action against Mr. GEORGE A. OSGOOD, in the Supreme Court, to recover the sum of $10,000 damages, resulting, as she claims, from personal injuries caused by her being run over by defendant's sleigh, on the 6th of January, 1865, at the corner of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street and Eighth-avenue, while she was in the act of alighting from an Eighth-avenue car. The trial, which was commenced yesterday before Judge FOSTER and a jury, in the Circuit, Part III., is eliciting considerable interest. It will be continued to-day.

"Our American Cousin" was up again yesterday in the General Term of the Superior Court, on an appeal taken by Miss LAURA KEENE from an order of the Special Term, dismissing her complaint on the trial before Justice BARBOUR several weeks ago. The defendants in the suit are Messrs. CLARKE & STUART, of the Winter Garden Theatre. The argument on the merits, was, after a long discussion, postponed, to enable the counsel for the appellant to cure some defect in the proceedings, which it is intimated may prove fatal to the plaintiff's cause unless amended.

A verdict of $19,000 was rendered yesterday by the Jury in the case of CHRISTOPHER TYLER *vs.* JAMES G. BARROWS and others, which has been on trial for the last two days in the Superior Court, Part I., before Justice MCCUNN. The action arose out of the conditional sale of 3,000 barrels of refined petroleum oil. An extra allowance of five per cent. was, on motion of plaintiff's counsel, allowed by the Court.

A little girl named HATTIE PRATT was severely, and, it is feared, fatally burned last evening, at No. 7 Lispenard-street, about 9 o'clock, by the accidental upsetting of a kerosene oil lamp. HELEN LEONARD, a domestic, was also fatally burned by the same cause, at No. 186 Cherry-street, about the same time. She was conveyed to Bellevue Hospital, where she lingers. No hope is entertained of the recovery of either.

THOS. RILEY was stabbed in the head yesterday morning by CHAS. MONELL, in a low den, at No. 891 Water-street, kept by the latter. Some slight dispute arose between the two men, which was ended by MONELL drawing a knife and stabbing his opponent. The assailant was locked up to await the result of RILEY'S injuries.

JOHN LYON, a conductor on a cross-town railroad car, got into a dispute yesterday morning with his passengers, and attempted to settle the difficulty by drawing a knife and stabbing three gentlemen who were sitting in the car. He was arrested, and committed for trial in default of $1,000 bail.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, ANTHONY RANSOM was convicted of robbery in the first degree, and sentenced to the State Prison for ten years. Several other small cases were disposed of.

The exequatur of ESTABAN ROGERS, authorizing him to act as Chilian Consul at this port, has been revoked by the President.

JOHN D. SLATER and CHAS. MILLER, charged with passing counterfeit fifty cent currency, were yesterday, committed for trial.

Yesterday, the Zeno Burnham alleged mock auctioneer case, occupied the entire day in the Court of Oyer and Terminer.

The State Senate, yesterday, confirmed the nomination of Dr. JOHN SWINBURNE as Health Officer of this City.

A humorous lecture on "The Philosophy of Smoking" was delivered at Cooper Institute last evening by Rev. S. W. BAILEY.

Gold fell off nearly 1 ₱ cent. yesterday, closing at 138 ₱ cent. A good business reported late in the day in foreign exchanges. The Government stocks, gold, bearing, were firm, and the Railways, after some fluctuations in the forenoon, closed buoyant and upward.

Transactions in Produce and Merchandise were on a restricted scale, yesterday, though buyers had any existing advantage. Freights were quiet, with 592 vessels of all classes in port.

THE GEORGIA SENATORSHIP.—The Georgia papers are working themselves into an excitement over a speech delivered before the State Legislature by Hon. JOHN A. HILL, while the election of United States Senators was pending. The journals of rebellious proclivities are especially indignant at the sentiments expressed, and assail Mr. HILL directly in their editorial columns, and indirectly through correspondents, some of whom question the speaker's veracity, while others express fears lest the publication of the speech in question may prejudice the interests of the State at Washington.

The tone of the whole speech is defensive. The pressure against him was so strong that Mr. HILL found himself compelled to explain why he kept his seat in Congress after the rest of the Georgia delegation had withdrawn; then he told why it was that he made a speech on the occasion of raising a national flag at the military headquarters in Augusta, after Gen. STEDMAN had taken command of the department, and finally, in reply to a question from one of his auditors, he defended his course in objecting to the State Convention, as a Convention, memorializing the President for the pardon of JEFF. DAVIS and A. H. STEPHENS. Mr. HILL did not apologize for these acts; he simply told the members of the Legislature why he pursued the course that he did on the occasions referred to. But his speech shows clearly that his claims were rejected solely because he had been a consistent Union man; one of that very class from which President JOHNSON told the delegation of the Virginia Legislature last Saturday that representatives and senators must be selected if the Southern States desired to have his influence in securing their early admission to Congress. Messrs. STEPHENS and JOHNSON, on the contrary, were elected, not solely on the ground of their superior ability, but because they had no past record containing acts of hostility against the late Confederacy to explain away. The Georgia papers are right in fearing that Mr. HILL'S speech will prejudice the prospects of the State at Washington. It will undoubtedly have that result, not because it misrepresents the opinions of the people, but for the very obvious reason that it establishes beyond question the disagreeable fact, that the Legislature is very far from comprehending and being in accord with President JOHNSON'S policy.

The Personnel of the Administration.

We do not think we have had an administration of our Government since its foundation which, as a body, has had higher ability and character than the present, or one in which the country has had a greater confidence and pride. The scope of our governmental affairs is much greater now than in former times, and the questions dealt with have been infinitely more difficult of solution than any in our previous history; but the heads of our principal departments have exhibited the highest capacity for their great work and the most eminent fitness for their positions. They will bear comparison not only with any of the illustrious men who figured in our Government in its earlier or in later days, but—what is perhaps at present a more fitting comparison—with the statesmen of any of the Cabinets of the great States of Europe. No one would fear comparison between the diplomatic capacity of Secretary SEWARD and Earl RUSSELL or DROUYN DE LHUYS—between the financial genius of Secretary MCCULLOCH and GLADSTONE or FOULD, and as for Secretary STANTON, the course of recent European history has had no opportunity for the display of abilities such as he has illustrated, while he certainly would not suffer by being placed alongside of any of the War Ministers of any of the great European Powers in any of the great military epochs. In the other departments which from their nature have less prominence than these three, the heads are all men who bring to their duties abilities of an order rarely excelled in public functionaries.

The fact is of the very highest importance to us as a nation. Beside the popular confidence in the administration of the various departments which it generates, it gives th country a feeling of conscious strength and of dignified self-respect, such as it has not always during the present generation been able to maintain.

In the first position in our Administration, we have in President JOHNSON a man whose course under the most difficult circumstances—whatever criticisms may be made as to forms and details, or whatever may be said by malignants like PHILLIPS as to motive or object—has been signalized by profound patriotism, by unimpeachable integrity, and by courage; and whose policies have been comprehensive, far-reaching, discreet and conservative, and of a nature calculated to effect the purpose which he has declared to be his sole ambition—the perfect reunion of all the States in fact and in spirit. While on the one hand President JOHNSON has approved himself a man of most energetic forces, which are constantly demanding expression, he has also recently shown himself to be possessed of the rare power of conserving or holding in check his forces—of patiently permitting events to move on and develop themselves, where he lacks the power of interference, or where his hasty interference would retard their progress toward the end which he desires consummated. This is one of the last attainments of manhood, and one of the highest characteristics of statesmanship; and, with the other great traits of JOHNSON'S life and administration, has established him in the public confidence to an extent only equaled in the case of his immediate predecessor.

Secretary SEWARD'S name is a tower of national strength, and is held in profound respect throughout the world. This certainly is not because it has been his fortune to obtain popularity by following popular ideas or caprices, or to secure fame by the achievement of simple labors. In domestic politics, he stood for long years as the recognized public champion of the unpopular cause of anti-slavery, and the exponent of an idea which the eye of faith might foresee would inform the "party of the future," but which had little prospect of obtaining political power for generations. Since he has had the conduct of our foreign relations, he has had to oppose the purposes, prejudices and interests of nearly all the Governments with which he carried on intercourse, and he has had to do so under circumstances often calculated to irritate and vex. Yet in all he has been successful, and through all he has grown up to the full measure of honor and fame.

STANTON was unknown to the country until he was named Secretary of War; but he no sooner assumed the title than the fact was patent North and South, in the army and in all the States. It is common enough now to recognize his integrity, his energy, his strength and his greatness, to magnify his labors and celebrate his achievements. As in SEWARD'S case, the issue and result of his works constitute their final encomium, and by this view, he stands foremost among the military administrators of history.

The burden of STANTON'S labors, and the burden of SEWARD'S may be said to have ended with the war; but the burden of duties imposed upon Secretary MCCULLOCH is hardly less to-day than it was a year ago. Our financial movements have been and still are like the movements of our war, on the most gigantic scale. For their governance they demand nothing short of financial genius. Whether we regard the volume and condition of our currency, the state of our credit and of the money market, or the ceaseless demands and enormous expenditures, we see that the genius which through them all could maintain our honor and uphold our credit as well as it has been upheld, must have been of preëminent order. Since the close of the war, as during his brief term of office while the war lasted. Secretary MCCULLOCH has displayed consummate skill; and we believe that if Congress will allow him the liberty of action which he requires, he will work out for the country its financial problem, and establish the national credit sound and firm. As a political force, Secretary MCCULLOCH is not much known to the people; but as a powerful and intelligent supporter of the policy of the President, as an enemy of ultraism and a pure-minded patriot, he lends the weight of his character and influence to the rehabilitation of the Union, the reëstablishment of its ancient Constitution and the formation of its new life.

Of such a body of national servants, it is but fitting that the nation should be proud.

THE NEWARK AND NEW-YORK RAILROAD.—In some of the intestine quarrels that take place periodically in New-Jersey, the citizens of New-York have about as much interest as the woman did in the fight between her husband and the bear—they don't care which whips; but the case is different as regards the contest now in progress at Trenton to secure a charter for another railroad between Newark and New-York. Every new railroad connecting New-York with the surrounding country has a direct tendency to lower rents and to cheapen the price of living in the City. Competition between roads already in existence, so long as it is not carried to the extreme of danger to life and limb, must have a similar result. The New-Jersey Railroad does not look at matters from this standpoint; nor, on the contrary, does it have any regard for the interests of Newark and the section of country beyond, further than it is compelled to do in order to make the largest possible dividends to its stockholders. It is natural that this corporation should oppose the granting of a charter to a railroad which shall share in the passenger traffic of which it has had almost a monopoly, but the policy is, after all, a short-sighted one. The pressure to get out of New-York, and to reach a region where rents are lower and living cheaper, is growing stronger every day, and we venture to assert that the proposed road would not appreciably diminish the travel over the New-Jersey road. Still, considerations of public convenience have never been at all potent with New-Jersey Legislatures, and we fear that it is not likely to take them into account in deciding upon the question now before it.

A Post-office for New-York.

A commission has been appointed by Congress to select a site for a New-York Post-office. The Commission consists of the Mayor of the City, Mr. Low, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. A. J. SCHULTZ, and Postmaster KELLY—all unexceptionable men.

The present site of the New-York Post-office would only be a little more out of the way it it were changed to the Emigrant pier at Castle Garden, where there is much more room, much better air, and a view incomparably more enchanting.

Without attempting to dictate to the Commission, and, with no desire to give undue preference to Castle Garden, we may be permitted to suggest to them, in the conscientious discharge of their duty, a visit to East New-York, or Washington Market, before they finally give preference to any other site than the present. It may seem absurd to ask them to go off the island at all in quest of a more convenient location. But as they can do nothing in the way of selection more at variance with popular sentiment, than stick to the present situation, it may encourage them to know in what quarter of the surrounding neighborhood they might, peradventure, do better.

The present site of the New-York Post-office, to use a mild expression, is simply abominable. We are a community so accustomed to inconveniences and swindles, that there must be something more than ordinarily vicious in the individual citizen who attempts to grumble. If our experience as residents of this island has not taught us to be above grumbling, then we might as well have no experience at all. When, therefore, we say that the site of the cribbed and stinking hovel on Nassau-street, in which the correspondence of more than half a continent is sorted for mail, or arranged for delivery, within this municipality, is simply abominable, we are bound to reflect steadily that it will bear comparison with several other of our "institutions." The site coul be no worse. That is granted; but the building, unquestionably, *might* be several degrees worse. In these circumstances it may be well for the Commission to weigh the whole matter relatively to other public conveniences in New-York, and graduate their improvements accordingly.

Mr. HOFFMAN, by the resolution of Congress, has had devolved upon him a task which, if it should not serve to illustrate his genius as the head of our Municipal Government, may at least offer him the opportunity of showing whether his sympathies lie with the people or with *a class of the people*, already sufficiently privileged. We New-Yorkers are not accustomed to luxuries in the way of Federal or municipal favors; and, therefore, few will be inclined to fret if the site which Messrs. HOFFMAN, KELLY, SCHULTZ and Low may happen to select, should be slightly inconvenient for the great mass of the people. All that is absolutely required is *breathing room*. A wayfarer may wait half a day for a letter, and feel none the worse for the probation; only let him have a fair chance against suffocation—even if the old Dutch Church in Fulton-street should be offered to the Commission dirt cheap.

The Arkansas Case—Injustice to a Loyal and Brave Soldier.

The gentleman from Arkansas, whose claim to a seat in the lower House of Congress was made the subject of a test vote on Tuesday, is known at home as Col. JAMES S. JOHNSON, of the First Arkansas Infantry. His case is one which deserves a better fate. Col. JOHNSON before the war was a prominent physician in Northwestern Arkansas, a man of mild and dignified demeanor, and possessing a large local influence. At the outbreak of the war he maintained, and asserted his loyalty. In the elections then held, his influence, with that of his friends, carried that portion of the State for the Union. Subsequently the presence of a rebel army subdued all open manifestations, but even during that time there were strong and numerous secret organizations of Union men.

The battle of Pea Ridge, gave an opportunity for open action. It was in the dark days of the war, and no man could tell how soon that region might be left defenceless, yet it went in boldly and raised in all some six regiments of Union troops. Of the First Arkansas Infantry, JOHNSON was elected Colonel. His regiment was nearly a thousand strong, and made up of his loyal neighbors.

The election by which he was sent to Congress was regularly held under the laws enacted by the Union Legislature of Arkansas. The polls were not held in secret; the vote was comparatively large, and we venture to say that Col. JOHNSON represents as loyal a constituency as some of the sitting members from New-York.

Here we have a loyal soldier of the Union, representing a loyal and large constituency, regularly certified by a loyal Governor, seeking in vain for admission to his place in Congress. It is certainly a poor reward for brave and faithful service; a poor recognition of the trials and sufferings which the people of his district have suffered for our cause during the war.

If the present course is persisted in, a new danger will soon present itself. How long can self-respecting men remain devoted to a government which ignores their services and their sacrifices, which taxes them but denies them representation, and which makes them the scapegoat for the sins of the rebels? By its present policy Congress is subjecting the loyalty of the South to tests more trying, because more mortifying, than those it endured during the struggle. The soldier who fought must now go home to his constituency a rejected and humiliated man; and his people, whose desolated hearthstones still remain the monuments of their devotion, must feel the insult keenly. Only one class of Arkansans will rejoice—the returned rebels. *Their* malice is gratified, and will be openly expressed.

It would seem to be a wiser policy to support and encourage the existing loyalty of the South; to distinguish it from the rebel element by rewards and honors, by cheerful recognition of past services and cordial welcome to a full share of influence. If it is desired to keep disloyal men out of Congress, and to retain the power of that body in liberty-loving hands, it can best be done by admitting to seats all such rebel-haters and Union-lovers as may come properly accredited from a loyal constituency.

The Police Commissioners and the Railway Companies.

The saying "Give an inch, and he'll take an ell," was never better exemplified than in the conduct of some of the City railroad companies. Practically, these corporations have been granted a fee simple, right, title and interest to the public thoroughfares. They pay no licenses for running their cars, have refused to let their drivers and conductors take out licenses for themselves, still claim the right of way in the streets over all other travel, and are protected in their claims by the Police. These exactions might be borne without a murmur by the indulgent public, if the companies were able or willing to furnish the accommodation which the public require, or if their management showed liberality or public spirit. But their energies seem to be directed toward increasing their dividends, and obtaining new immunities. In few cases have they done aught of a public character by contributing to the moral or material interests of the people of the City, from whom their valuable franchises are derived.

The latest demand some of the leading railroad companies is characterized by their usual nonchalance, and it has been promptly complied with by the Metropolitan Police Commissioners. The companies have demanded of the Police Board that no employe of theirs shall be arrested on the road, no matter what his offence, but that he shall be accompanied to the depot of the line by the policeman who takes him in custody. It is difficult to see a good reason for granting this privilege. It is surely yielding a point too much. Such a privilege is not accorded to any other class of persons, to whom it may be granted with as much propriety. We suppose that the same immunity will now be given to licensed venders and junk-dealers. The Police Commissioners, for the sake of consistency at least, must permit these peripatetics to stable their horses and take leave of their families before they go to prison, if it is necessary to arrest them, as unfortunately it often is. If the junk-dealers and licensed venders are thus tenderly dealt by, there will be jealousy on the part of the cartmen, expressmen, public porters, and even the Tombs revolvers, should they be exempted from similar consideration. Doubtless the courtesy would be highly appreciated, and there is no justice, Messrs. Commissioners, in making "fish of one and fowl of another," where the claim is precisely similar.

West Point Training and Experience of the World—A Good Combination.

War has been considered by some to be simply a game of chess. It may have been much like that game when JULIUS CÆSAR made his campaigns against the Helvetii, or when the first NAPOLEON fought his battles; and, indeed, war *is* chess, but in a strangely modified form. Substantially the game has to be played in the same manner now as formerly, but the value and strength of the pieces subordinate to the respective kings are ever varying. The mere champion chess-player would surely win in war if he had knights, bishops, &c., of unvarying value for offence or defence. But a piece that was a queen to-day becomes a pawn to-morrow and a knight the day after! Therefore, in the great battles of the late rebellion, those military leaders whose genius enabled them to understand the shifting value and comparative strength of the pieces on the board were most successful. Possessing this intuitive knowledge, Gens. GRANT, SHERMAN and SHERIDAN eclipsed MCCLELLAN, HALLECK and BUELL, and overcame LEE, BEAUREGARD and PEMBERTON.

In an eminent degree on the rebel side Jo. JOHNSTON and "Stonewall" JACKSON were gifted with this intuitive knowledge of appreciating the changing values on the chess-board of war, and consequently they gave us the most trouble. They were nearly like our best leaders in discarding wooden, stiff, angular, mathematical war. (We mean no offence to the worthy professor at West Point who teaches differential calculus, but are only advocating differential calculation!)

GRANT, SHERMAN, SHERIDAN, LEE and "Stonewall" JACKSON, were all West Point graduates; yet on our side only SHERIDAN of them all had remained continuously in the army, and he had had the advantage of a wild, rough-shod far-Western experience, having "learned to think in Chinook." Gen. LEE, from contact with the world—a contact in part necessitated by the cares of his estates and other property, and the result, perhaps, of such leaves of absence as he did not find it difficult to obtain—was a West Point man, with large experience of the world, and his four years in the service of the rebellion must have added largely to his worldly wisdom.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

OUR ALBANY LETTER.

Passage of the Health Bill as Amended in Caucus by the House—The Temper of Members Thereon—Serious Charges Against a Country Judge—Petition for His Removal from Office by the Senate—An Important Bill Relating to Liquor-Selling and Punishment of Crime in the Metropolitan District.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1866.

The long and acrimonious discussion over the Health Bill in the House closed this morning, and the bill was put through its third reading and passed by a strict party vote—83 to 34. The men who resisted the behests of a partisan caucus, called in the interest of unscrupulous lobbyists, gave over resistance when it became evident that nothing could be gained by continuing the struggle, and with a magnanimity and devotion to the interests of the measure that ought to compel respect from their antagonists, voted for the bill, as amended, when it came up for final passage. These gentlemen are sincerely friends of the measure, and do not suffer the amendments of the House to stand between them and their duty to give the Metropolitan district a health bill, although by its omitting to provide for the cooperation of the Police Commissioners, they believe that the bill is shorn of its most important and efficient feature.

I regret to be compelled to state that the same devotion to the measure does not characterize all those who have so strenuously contended for amending the Senate bill. Some of them go out of their way to declare that unless the Senate shall concur they will vote against the bill. I believe, however, that there are enough friends of the bill still left to save it from defeat, even in the contingency of non-concurrence by the Senate. Many of the supporters of the House amendments have taken occasion to declare that they will vote for the Senate bill if necessary to save the measure from defeat, and I should hope, for the credit of the House, that a majority would do so. We shall see.

The Governor this morning sent to the Senate a petition from the citizens of Oneida County, praying that steps may be taken by the Senate, under the constitution, to remove from office GEORGE W. SMITH, County Judge of Oneida County, who is charged with malversation in office. The Judge was implicated by the court-martial which dismissed Major JOHN A. HADDOCK, of Watertown, from the office of Provost-Marshal, and is charged with connivance with bounty-brokers, with offering bribes to military officers to further the ends of these brokers, and also with having appointed excise commissioners with the understanding that he should be in turn appointed prosecuting attorney for the Board, and then selling out this position to another attorney for $500.

The matter was referred to the Judiciary Committee, and it is probable that the Senate will soon grant the Judge an opportunity to be heard in his own defence, if he so desires.

The bill lately introduced in the House by Mr. GOODRICH, of Kings, and referred to the Judiciary Committee, entitled an "Act to diminish crime and to facilitate the prosecution of criminal offences in the Metropolitan District," &c., is of sufficient importance to justify some reference to its provisions. It requires the present Excise Commissioners in each county within the Metropolitan District to publish notices of their meeting in January, and furnish copies thereof to the chief officer of police in the county, who shall require each policeman to serve a copy of such notice on every person selling liquor on his beat. All persons who desire to sell liquor must apply for license in January, and pay the fee at the time of making the application. The Commissioners are required to pass on all applications within thirty days, and make and file with the County Clerk alphabetical lists of all persons applying for license. The police are required to report to their chief the names of all persons selling liquor on their respective beats, and the chief is required to report to the next Grand Jury the names of all such persons whose names are not on the Commissioners' list of applicants. The Commissioners may also hold one meeting in each month to grant licenses to such persons as commenced the sale of liquor after the first of January. The police are authorized to enter and search for liquor-selling and arrest parties and witnesses. The County Clerks are required to bring into Court at each session alphabetical lists of all persons who have been indicted for the past five years, and to enter from time to time the names of all persons hereafter indicted. The Court may make up a day calendar of cases to be tried, and the District Attorney shall try the cases in their order on the calendar, unless good cause to the contrary be shown.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

REPORTS.

By Mr. LENT—To amend the act relative to frauds in assessments for local improvements in New-York. To incorporate the Association of Exempt Firemen in New-York. Affirming the action of the New-York Common Council deeding certain property to the Church of St. James. Amending the charter of Queens County Savings Bank. To amend the charter of the New-York Floating Dry Dock Company.

BILLS NOTICED.

By Mr. CHAMBERS—To regulate fees of physicians and surgeons in certain cases.

By Mr. LENT—To amend the act incorporating the Studio Building Association of New-York.

By Mr. E. CORNELL—For the regulation and discipline of the State Inebriate Asylum.

By Mr. H. C. MURPHY—Authorizing the North American Life Insurance Company to make special deposits of securities in the Insurance Department.

By Mr. PIERSON—To regulate and repave Clinton-street, Brooklyn. For the relief of Brooklyn City and Newtown Railroad.

BILLS PASSED.

To regulate taxes on lands taken or to be taken for Croton Aqueduct.

Mr. LENT moved to recommit the act extending the term of office of Justice of the District Court of the Eighth District of New-York, which was carried.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. SUTHERLAND—To incorporate the People's Savings Bank of Yonkers.

By Mr. LA BAN—Authorizing the Staten Island Shore Railroad Company to increase their capital stock to $350,000, and to hold a meeting for the election of directors on the first Tuesday of May.

By Mr. HOYT—To provide for keeping in repair the canals of the State. It provides that all the work shall be let to some person or persons or company offering to do it at the lowest per centum per mile of the entire tonnage passing over the locks, paying tolls on said canals, the party or parties depositing $200,000 as security.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following message was received from the Governor:

I respectfully transmit herewith the charges and specifications presented to me, alleging official misconduct on the part of GEORGE W. SMITH, County Judge of Oneida County, with petitions accompanying the same; and I recommend that inquiry as to the truth of the charges be immediately made in accordance with the provisions of section 11, article 6, of the Constitution. This section does not clearly define the details of procedure prior to final action upon the question of the removal of judicial officers, and there are no precedents within my knowledge to guide the action of the Senate. In this instance I have presumed, however, to refer the en ire case for your consideration without any preliminary examination on my part with a view of forming correct conclusions as to the guilt of the party charged with malversation in office or learning his defence, believing that this proceeding is wholly within your jurisdiction. In my judgment this section of the Constitution, by reasonable construction, invests the Governor with the duty of making a recommendation, based upon an *exparte* presentation of the case; and this course would seem essential to confer jurisdiction upon your body. I do therefore recommend that the said GEORGE W. SMITH be removed from the said office, if in the judgment of the Senate he shall upon a full and fair investigation be convicted of the charges made against him. (Signed)

R. E. FENTON.

ASSEMBLY.

POLICE COMMISSIONER.

The House concurred in the Senate resolution to hold a joint meeting at noon on Friday for the election of a Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

THE HEALTH BILL.

The debate was continued again this morning.

Mr. VEEDER moved to except the City of Brooklyn from the bill. The City of Brooklyn did not ask for this measure. He had not been spoken to by a single member of his constituency in favor of this bill; on the contrary they did not desire to be included in its provisions. Last year this was done, now it was dragged in. Whenever Republicans desire to inflict some great outrage on the locality, they strain a point to urge in its favor some emergency which may be imaginery or otherwise. The Police already had the power to enforce the sanitary laws, and if they should perform their duties far better results would follow. This bill was anti-Republican. It was a blow at local self-government. It was taking power from the people. No official will be so careful to perform his duties as the one that is made responsible directly to the people. That is the proper repository of power. With all the arguments thus far we have had no sound reasons for the passage of the bill. It had been a wrangle between factions who should have power—what class of political paupers should secure places. We have had a second edition of the Republican caucus on the floor of this House. They have exposed their position. On the one hand they prefer the bill should fail unless the Police shall be incorporated in it, while on the other they demand the Governor shall name the Commission or the bill be lost. This is the consistency with which these men force a sanitary measure upon us against our will. And all this is under the plea of cholera. Let the Republicans take the entire control of this measure—he wanted none of its responsibilities. The Fire Department Commission had demonstrated the incapacity of these Commissioners to control the City. In 1864 the loss by fires was $26,000,000, while in 1865 it was over $48,000,000. In 1858 the gentleman now so strenuous for this bill and for caucus dictation took strong ground against all such measures, and expressed his desire that a Governor might be elected who would not veto the obnoxious laws that had been imposed on New-York. Let this matter be left to the citizens of New-York and Brooklyn. They will take care of the sanitary matters if left to themselves.

Mr. CHEARMEN moved to amend that the Mayor of New-York have power to name Commissioners, instead of the Governor. He knew it was rather out of place for a member from New-York to have anything to say about matters relating to that city—they must sit and listen to gentlemen from the rural districts tell them what they want, and force upon them what they need. Gentlemen from the country were disposed to do well enough but for dictation from others. No arguments were used here, they were used outside at the hotels, and in the streets by disappointed men from New-York—the unclean birds of prey who came here to warp their judgment, and seduce the virtue of comparatively honest men. New-York has protested against your interference, but without avail. Who established the Street Inspector's Department, about which so much has been said, and which is assailed as weak and inefficient? The Republican Legislature of 1857, and when the act was passed they indulged in some hopes of clean streets and health that are now promised under this bill. Before that the Street Inspector was elected by the people, there was no dissatisfaction then. When did the evils you so wofully speak of begin? Only when you took away the right to elect these officers, and made them amenable to an appointing power? Who appointed Inspector BOOLE? Mayor OPDYKE, our unfledged Radical? There is where the responsibility rests, and not with the people. When Mr. BOOLE was appointed the papers lauded him to the skies, and all went well—for a time. But the Legislature stepped in again, because they thought there was a chance to make money, and tied up the hands of the Inspector. And so you go on repealing your odious acts of interference, and then complain because New-Yorkers have not a clean city! What shows all this pretension! The Representatives from New-York are desirous of improving the sanitary condition of the City, but this measure appears to be merely a scramble for a few petty offices. How the Legislature of this State has degenerated from the old days! What a spectacle is presented! The Legislature agitated day after day over a question as to who should control the next State Convention. Party should be left out if you desire to legislate on this question truthfully and well. No argument was made yesterday in all the speeches in favor of this bill. When Mr. PIERS gave no arguments—merely referring to the "riots"—to old city. Let New-York alone. Has she not vindicated herself by electing Mr. HOFFMAN Mayor of New-York, the only man above all others who most severely punished the rioters. So this man now would be given the power to name the Commissioners. He knows best what New-York needs. But he could assure gentlemen that New-York wanted no interference from Albany in any of these local matters. Every touch from the Capital increased the burdens and taxes of its citizens. Of the many millions annually raised by tax, but $5,000,000 is under the control of the representatives of the people. The people are sick of this interference, and this is the reason why year after year Democratic majorities are rolled up. Amendment after amendment to her charter is proposed here until finally a gentleman proposes to appoint a Board of Control—giving the City to a double-headed government. If gentlemen want to keep out the cholera, why not strengthen the hands of the Quarantine officers? He was astonished at the arguments made in favor of this bill. The Speaker admits that 30,000 people in New-York are opposed to it, and yet he advocates the bill! Is republican government a failure? Does he want all his past teachings to go for naught? By the course proposed you trample under foot the dearest rights of freemen. If Republican government is a failure in that city, then it is a failure all over the world. He was an honorable representative from that city, and it needed no eulogium from his hands. They asked to be left to good and wholesome laws and protected against the establishment of a despotism over them, as Mr. COCHRANE had admitted this bill to be. He asked gentlemen to pause before committing themselves to such a measure.

Mr. HISCOCK moved to report progress. Carried.

Mr. HISCOCK moved to discharge the Committee of the Whole from the further consideration of the bill, and that it be ordered to a third reading, and upon that he demanded the previous question.

The previous question was ordered by a vote of 81 to 36.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN said previous to putting the main question he asked unanimous consent to make the motion to substitute the Senate bill. No objection being made the motion was entertained and lost as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Baldwin, Barkley, Brown, Burditt, Crawford, Cramer, Curtiss, Donoho, Faulkner, Frese, Frost, G. Graham, Hepburn, Hoffman, Hoskins, J. M. Hunter, Jenkins, L. D. Hunterdon, Kalkers, Kenyon, Littlejohn, Maurice, McClosky, Millspaugh, Minor, Moore, Nickerson, Pomeroy, Post, M. Reynolds, J. C. Rogers, Seebacher, Smith, Stevenson, A. G. Sheppard, T. R. Stewart, Tracy, Tucker, Van Valkenburgh, Vreder, Walch, Weed, Waller, Williams, Worth—38.

NAYS—Messrs. Aldrich, Andrus, Baker, Barker, Biddecom, Bodine, Boyd, Brandreth, Brunson, Buckman, Caulfield, Calkins, Chamberlain, Cochrane, Congdon, Covell, Deming, Downing, Eldridge, Ferguson, Fay, Ferris, Gleason, Goodrich, J. G. Graham, Harrington, Hiscock, Humphrey, Jenkins, Jewett, Kimball, Kendler, Levinger, Lewis, McCall, McGowan, McKay, McVay, Morse, Oakley, Palmer, Parker, Patrick, Pearsall, Penny, Peters, Ramsey, A. L. Reynolds, G. C. Rice, W. H. Rice, Richardson, Rogers, Schutt, Shaw, Sherman, Smith, Snyder, Mr. Speaker, Stephan, Stiles, Thorn, Typtiff, Valiet, Tuthill, Udall, Vandenberg, Warren, Wilber, Wilson, Wood, Youngleve—72.

The Assembly bill was then ordered to a third reading and passed, by yeas 83, nays 34.

None but Democrats voted in the negative.

Mr. VEEDER asked unanimous consent to except County of Kings.

Granted, and motion lost by 34 to 84. The bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 84 to 33.

Mr. WOOD moved the bill be read a third time. Carried, 84 to 32.

Mr. LYONS asked unanimous consent to make an amendment, without which the bill would be useless. After drugs insert "or secret noxious medicines known as Brandreth's Pills." [Laughter.] The bill was then read a third time.

Mr. ANDERSON asked to be excused from voting. He yielded the palm to no man for anxiety with regard to the sanitary condition of New-York. He valued highly the health of the City on his own account, on account of his family and constituents. But as much as he valued these he valued higher the rights which belong to the character of a freeman. He demanded that New-York should have the right of self-government. That this privilege should not be taken from her by a stretch of arbitrary power, and in the face of that noble principle which is at the base of republican government, he should vote against the bill.

The bill was then passed—83 ayes; nays 34.

MARKET COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. DUTCHER introduced a bill to extend for two years the term of the Commissioners named in the bill passed in 1865, for the construction of a public market in New-York, and authorizing the Comptroller to borrow $75,000, to be repaid to the City by the sale of the market stock.

ANOTHER RAILROAD.

Mr. JENKINS introduced a bill for a railroad in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and other streets in New-York.

GRAND-STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. BUCKMAN introduced a bill to improve Grand-street, Brooklyn.

SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

Mr. COCHRANE introduced a bill to amend the act providing for sick and wounded soldiers. It appropriates $70,000,

Adjourned.

The New-York State Agricultural Society—Election of Officers—A Committee on the Cattle Plague.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the New-York State Agricultural Society was held in the Assembly Chamber this afternoon. Hon. T. C. PETERS, the President, presided. The Treasurer's report shows the cash on hand from last year to be $7,541 93. The receipts during the year were $21,002 52—total, $28,544 45; expenditures, $15,709 28; balance to new account, $12,835 22; invested in United States securities, $9,173 50; cash on hand, $3,661 72. The report of the Executive Committee, giving a review of the operations of the past year, was read by Col. B. P. JOHNSON, the Secretary. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Hon. J. STANTON GOULD, of Columbia County; Vice-President, Thomas H. Faile, Jr., New-York; Samuel Thorne, Dutchess; A. Thayer, Jr., Rensselaer; G. H. F. Van Horne, Montgomery; James Geddis, Onondaga; J. McGraw, Tompkins; H. T. E. Foster, Seneca, and Horatio S. Huntley, Cattaraugus County; Corresponding Secretary, B. P. Johnson, of Albany; Recording Secretary, E. Corning, Jr., of Albany; Luther Tucker, Jr., Albany: Executive Committee, George H. Brown, Dutchess; J. T. Williams, Chautauque; H. N. Dwight, Cayuga; Solon Robinson, New-York, and C. J. Hayes, Otsego. The Committee declined to make a recommendation as to the place for holding the next annual Fair. A Committee was appointed to consider and report with reference to the cattle plague.

An Assessor Charged with Defrauding—He is Held to Bail for Further Hearing.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

GEORGE T. HANFORD, United States Assessor for the Eighteenth District, was arrested at Schenectady on Tuesday evening, and brought before a United States Commissioner in this city to-day, on a charge of defrauding the Government. The complainant is CORNELIUS B. SWART, of Schenectady, a book-binder. He swears that in the Summer of 1863 he sold blank-books and other articles to the accused to the value of $32 65. He presented the bill, and the accused said he would send it to Washington for audit. Feb. 28, 1864, SWART says he called on the accused, and told him the Commissioner of Internal Revenue had only allowed $9 75, which sum was paid. SWART expressed his regret that the deduction had been made, when, as he swears, the accused told him to make out another bill for $20 worth of stationery or blank books. SWART at first objected, but finally made out the bill as requested. Some time after SWART ascertained the bill had been paid, although, as he swears, the accused had frequently told him it had not been. SWART subsequently communicated with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, which led to the arrest. At the conclusion of SWART's examination the accused gave bail in the sum of $8,000 for a further hearing on the 22d inst.

The Orleans County Surrogate's Office Robbed.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The Orleans County Surrogate's office was entered by burglars last night, and robbed of the following bonds: United States Seven-Thirties, No. 823,677, for $100; 803,264, for $50; 69,067, for $100; 22,040, for $50; 72,280, for $500; four $100 Seven-Thirty bonds, interest August and February, number unknown; one Orleans County bond, No. 138, for $594; and one Orleans County bond, No. 800, for $359.

Nomination of Dr. Swinburne as Health Officer Confirmed.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The Senate in Executive session to-day confirmed the nomination of Dr. JOHN SWINBURNE to be Health Officer of New-York.

Honors to Gen. Mulford.

TROY, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Gen. JOHN E. MULFORD, the United States Agent for Exchange, arrived in this City this afternoon, and was welcomed by a large number of citizens at the Troy House. During the evening he was entertained at a banquet at the club rooms of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. His reception in Troy was truly hospitable. He leaves for New-York in the 1:30 train to-morrow morning.

The Weather at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Wednesday, Feb. 14—7 P. M.

The weather is growing cold fast. There is a light snow. The wind is high.

TEXAS.

The State Convention—Gov. Hamilton's Message—Action on the Question of State Sovereignty.

GALVESTON, Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Gov. HAMILTON sent a message into the TEXAS State Convention to-day. It calls attention to the absolute requirement of the General Government touching the doctrine of absolute State sovereignty, the abolition of slavery, the right of the blacks to testify in courts of justice and to be protected in person and property, and the repudiation of the rebel debt.

In the Convention, Judge LATTIMER, from the Red River, introduced the following:

"The people of TEXAS, in convention assembled, ordain and declare that the so-called ordinance of secession adopted by the so-called Convention of the State of Texas, at the City of Austin, Feb. 1, 1861, and all the acts and proceedings of said so-called Convention, shall be and the same are declared to have been null and void and of no effect whatever from the date of their adoption, and they do hereby further declare that neither the State of Texas nor any other State of the Federal Union has the right in the Constitution of the United States to secede or withdraw from the Union."

A motion to lay the proposition, by Judge FRAZIER, was lost by a vote of 45 to 38.

A substitute, offered by Judge HANCOCK, declaring the action of the secession convention revolutionary and therefore void, together with the secession ordinance, were then referred to a committee.

A resolution declaring the binding effect of all laws passed since the date of the Convention, not in conflict with the United States, and some action on education and proposals to increase the number of the Supreme Court Judges, completed the proceedings.

MASSACHUSETTS.

MARINE DISASTERS.

Loss of the Brig Vincent—The Ship Hamlet on Nauset Beach.

NEW-BEDFORD, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The brig *Vincent*, 74 days from London for Boston, with a general cargo of merchandise, struck on Sow-and-Pigs Ledge on Monday, at noon, during a thick fog, and bilged. She will probably prove a total loss, unless good weather prevails. All hands saved. A steamtug and lighter have gone from here to her assistance.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The ship *Hamlet*, heretofore reported ashore on Nauset Beach, remains in the same position. She is being stripped. The sea is too rough to permit the discharging of the cargo.

Fire at the Victory Mills, Saratoga County—Loss $100,000.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Information received here states that the storehouse of the Victory Mills Company, on the Champlain Canal, in Saratoga County, New-York, was destroyed by fire, with about 500 bales of cotton and a quantity of stores, on Monday morning. The loss is estimated at $110,000, on which there is an insurance of $95,000. E. B. MUDGE, of Boston, is the Treasurer of the mills.

Boston Weekly Bank Statement.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The following is a statement of the condition of the Boston Banks for the week:

Capital	$41,900,000
Loans	94,084,000
Specie	632,500
Legal Tender notes	20,412,600
Deposits	38,768,000
Circulation—National	22,348,600
Circulation—State	1,067,000

MAINE.

State Legislature—Resolutions on the President's Policy.

AUGUSTA (Me.) STATE HOUSE, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. PAYSON (Dem.) was permitted to offer to the House to-day a series of resolutions declaring that it should be the first desire and prayer of every citizen, and the chief aim of every statesman, that the lately insurgent States should be speedily restored to their former orbits: that all factious opposition merits and receives stern reprobation; that President JOHNSON is entitled to our warmest thanks for his earnest efforts in that regard; that all petitions and applications from abroad for the punishment of offences committed against the Government, belong rather to a barbarous than to civilized people; that the people, being clothed with power for such punishment, and being itself the best and only judge of the same, all such petitions and applications are uncalled for, unreasonable and prejudicial to the true interests of the country.

MARYLAND.

An Agricultural Convention—The Raising of Sorghum.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

A convention of agriculturists, of this and other States, interested in the culture of sorghum, are now in session in this city. The object is to collect and promulgate information as to the best modes of culture, and bringing the product more generally to the public notice.

The Mount Hope Conspiracy Case.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The Mount Hope Asylum Conspiracy case was brought to a termination to-day. The Court sustained the point made by the defence against the admission of evidence prior to 1865, upon which the prosecution abandoned the cause.

OHIO.

The Legislature on the Eight Hours' Labor Bill.

CINCINNATI, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The House has passed the bill fixing eight hours as a day's labor by a vote of 70 to 14.

A Negro Hung by A Mob.

CINCINNATI, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

At Knoxville, Tenn., yesterday, a negro was hung by a mob for shooting Lieut.-Col. DYER, of the First Tennessee Cavalry.

KENTUCKY.

Action of the Legislature—The Freedmen's Bureau Condemned—The Constitutional Amendment Rejected.

CINCINNATI, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Yesterday the Kentucky Senate adopted the House resolutions requesting the removal of the troops from the State, condemning the Freedmen's Bureau, asking the restoration of the writ of *habeas corpus*, and rejecting the Constitutional Amendment.

CALIFORNIA.

The Weather and Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The thermometer here has ranged about 60° above zero all Winter, and to-day at noon reached 75°.

Mining Shares are active, with a rise in some and a decline in others. Gould & Curry, $1,010; Savage, $930; Ophir, $425; Imperial, $108; Chollar Potosi, $390; Yellow Jacket, $390; Alpha, $250; Crown Point, $850.

Arrived, ship *John Tucker*, HALLET, New-York.

Another Affray at Richmond.

RICHMOND, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

An affray took place at the Spottswood Hotel this afternoon between Dr. STUART, general correspondent of the New-York *Herald*, and Col. GARNETT, late of the Southern army. No weapons were used. The parties were some excited.

New-Orleans Markets.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Cotton steady; sales 3,000 bales at 45c. for middling. Exports to-day, 2,100 bales. Sugar, fully fair, 15c. Tobacco active; leaf, 14c.@30c. Sterling Exchange, 149. Gold, 138¼.

TENNESSEE.

AN ECHO FROM THE HERMITAGE.

Speech of Major William B. Lewis, of Tennessee, the Intimate Friend and Confidant of President Jackson, on the Right of Franchise.

The speech from which we herewith print a few extracts was read in the Tennessee House of Representatives on the 2d instant. Major LEWIS, now 83 years of age, is the senior member of that body. His great age and feeble voice precluded his delivering the address himself, and it was read for him by Mr. POSTLY, the member for Shelby. Mr. LEWIS was the intimate personal friend of ANDREW JACKSON; resided with him in Washington and in Tennessee, and was present at the final hour, and received, as it were, the last breath of his illustrious friend. During the late rebellion Mr. LEWIS stood heart and soul by the Union, and was among those brave loyalists whose homesteads were alternately trampled under foot by the South and the North; yet ever true to his patriotic convictions, he suffered and hoped and labored through darkness and distress to the clear light of triumph. The views of such a veteran must command most respectful attention.

After alluding to the bill on the franchise question, which he presented in October last, Mr. LEWIS enlarged upon the transcendent importance of the subject and the collateral questions which it introduced. "I am convinced," said he, "that upon wise and judicious legislation touching this great matter of the franchise privilege, depends consequences, for weal or woe, to the present and future generations—consequences to satisfactorily put an end to our troubles, or to increase and prolong them indefinitely—consequences which are to consummate our late unhappy civil war in a wholesome and perfect peace, and lead us again into the path of prosperity, or to involve us in agitation and bickering, if not, (which Heaven avert!) into renewed bloodshed, sooner or later—consequences which are to strengthen and secure the permanency of democratic institutions and the stability of constitutional government, or to unmoor this people on the wild sea of anarchy, or pass them beneath the yoke of despotism—consequences which may jeopardize the existence of the Union." Mr. LEWIS then adverted to the situation of the country since the war, and the duty of conciliation incumbent upon all the States. The war was unexampled for its magnitude—the groundswell of the energies of the greatest people known to history. But the tempering down of the fierce passions of retaliation and resistance to law and authority was a grander sight. Another triumph is to be achieved—to prove "whether the unseemly defacements which this beautiful fabric may have received during the war shall become permanent features; whether our system shall undergo radically organic alterations; or whether it shall be restored, and remain in form and essence what it was—the model of genuine republican liberty. We who act in these halls, and in the legislative assemblies throughout the country, are charged with the high duty of deciding whether institutions are adequate to the emergency, or whether they shall be amended to quiet a puerile fear of a future war, or satisfy the vindictive spirit of a party, or to embody in the organic law of the land the dogmas of a creed. It is to be determined, even if we do not change a letter, whether we shall pervert its spirit, by enacting rigid and proscriptive measures, which shall practically annul its grants of individual liberty, and thus sow the seeds of future struggles to regain it, or leave freedom extinguished in the folds of a virtual despotism. We are to say whether these innovations are necessary, or whether we can safely trust the sober sense and innate attachment of this people to law, order, and government, and permit the genius of our free institutions to rescue them from the chaos which the war has wrought."

He was opposed to any measure doubtful as to its constitutionality or dangerous in tendency, or seeking under any pretext to alter the true and proper relation of the States to the General Government or of individuals to it or the State Governments. He had faith in those who administer this Government. Our duty now is not to overturn but to reform. Certain irregularities were necessary, but "nothing warrants the boldness with which the hand of innovation, now uplifted, proposes to touch the sacred franchise of this people's liberties." Proscription, from the ballot-box was unnecessary and fraught with evil. It had divided the people into parties of those for or against proscription, and the difference and dislike between them was deepening every day. He had not been able to discover one fact justifying a fear of the installation of rebel power in the State.

"Discontent at what many regard as unwise and ruinous legislation may be seen, and the subject now under consideration is one of the instances, but I submit, Sir, that cannot be cited as proof of disloyalty or construed as dangerous to the peace of the country, unless it should itself provoke the trouble. If gentlemen persist in this mad attempt to disfranchise and politically degrade great masses of the people, they will increase this discontent, but I again submit that it is not fair to adduce this state of things as a justification for further incentive to it. The bill reported from the Committee repeals the present law, and proposes to indefinitely exclude from the franchise privilege every man in Tennessee who sympathized with, or encouraged in any manner, the late insurrection against the Government; and this includes, perhaps, five-sixths of the voting population by the constitutional provision of the people of Kentucky, through an intricate and expensive system by which suffrage certificates are to be obtained, marked with odious and tyrannical features; it exacts an election oath as stringent and searching as it is senseless and unnecessary. Now, Sir, I hold that there is no warrant from any power under which we act to pass any such bill." Mr. LEWIS then devoted some time to an argument on the power of excluding any persons from the suffrage except those convicted of infamous crimes. It was thought that a large class of returning rebels had, by making warforfeited their rights, but the relation of these men has been changed by the President's Amnesty Proclamation, and there is no change in their feelings, we must judge of their conduct and not of their animus. They were lawful voters before the war, and had been since relieved of all forfeitures. "If," said Mr. LEWIS, "the positions I have stated be correct, this measure is either intended to deprive them of political rights restored to them by the Presidential amnesty, both that of Mr. LINCOLN, and the later one of Mr. JOHNSON, upon the ground that they are unsafe depositaries of political power, and that the offer of amnesty was a blunder; or else it is regarded and intended as a punitive measure for the crime of rebellion against the State and General Government. If the first be the ground on which it is placed, it is a grave impeachment of the wisdom of the two great men, who have had better opportunities than any others, to observe a wide range of facts on which to predicate their official acts, and who took the steps after long deliberation; and I think it is time in the stage of these matters this or any similar body, to assume such ground as that."

Mr. LEWIS further argued against the passage of *ex post facto* laws, or punishment, which the deprivation of political rights would be, except by the legal course of presentment, indictment and impeachment. On the question of suffrage, Mr. LEWIS stated his opinion that voting was not a natural right, but a conventional one. With us, however, it was a political right, and not a privilege conferred by government and to be withdrawn at pleasure. Representation and taxation also go hand in hand, a principle inseparable from true American liberty. Admitting the power conceded by the bill, there was no evidence of movements toward further rebellion, nor plotting nor sullen and rebellious spirit, nor evasion of the terms of surrender granted to be found among those whom it is proposed to disfranchise. No man could fear the revival of secession or Slavery, nor an overthrow of the State Government, nor a policy inimical to the Federal Government.

"But, say gentlemen, the only way to protect loyal people, and to eradicate the disloyalty which has taken such deep root in the breasts of two-thirds or more of the people of this State, and to foster an attachment to the Government, is to strip them of their political rights. Mr. Speaker, I wonder at the infatuation. Is it possible, that the men of Tennessee, who through all the varying fortunes of this struggle maintained their fidelity to the Union, should now need protection from unarmed rebels, who have acknowledged defeat, and who are at home pursuing peaceful occupations? I cannot think so. It is only the suggestion of a fear which has no real foundation, and is unworthy of them. But it is said this measure will promote loyalty. Not if by loyalty is meant a genuine attachment to the Government. Harsh and proscriptive measures are not the breeders of good will and affection. Men cannot be taught to heartily support governments which refuse them their rights, and if this be one of the results which the friends of this bill expect, I fear they will be disappointed. Human nature must be reformed."

Such measures would keep alive disaffection and foster disloyalty. Gentlemen forget who these people are, their common origin with ourselves, and their military traditions, and the keenness with which they would feel exactions. Was it wise to lay the foundations of discord? The first means of restoring the Union was to revive in the bosoms of our erring and misguided people a love of country. He was not an apologist for rebels in any sense or degree; he believed that they sprang to arms from misguidance, but in earnest, and that they sheathed their swords in sincerity, with the full intention of retrieving the error which they had committed.

"So believing, I cannot give my vote for this extreme and Anti-American legislation; I cannot consent to commit the folly of disfranchising two-thirds of a people for the assumed protection of the remainder; I cannot undermine the principles of my Government as a means of strengthening it. I want, Sir, a policy adopted by Tennessee, in consonance with that which President JOHNSON is pursuing in other States which participated in the rebellion, and which, in my judgment, is the best and wisest that has been devised. I want to harmonize State action with that of the General Government, so that when the work of restoration is complete, this nation will be a homogeneous whole—the home and centre of the greatest and most people on earth

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Mr. Speaker, there is but one other consideration which I shall offer in opposition to this, or any other scheme which looks to proscription, and the degradation of a class of the people, as an element in the mode of disposing of this question. When you divide the people into classes by legislation, and set up the odious and injurious distinctions contemplated by this measure—when you make one the proscribers and the others the proscribed—one the rulers, and the others the ruled—when you attempt to poise the republican pyramid upon its apex, and subject a majority to the dominion of the minority, you need an army in presence to make sure your work. I do not believe these people will oppose force to whatever measures you may impose. They have had enough of war, and are willing to submit to the conditions of defeat, but you will feel the necessity of bayonets, and all the anti-republican paraphernalia of military power, as a precaution of safety for yourselves. I, for one, wish to dispense with it as soon as possible. I honor our army—the rank and file—and feel grateful to it for the valor which has rescued our Government from the jaws of destruction. But, Sir, its legitimate work is done. Every day's prolongation of its presence, beyond actual necessity in its own sphere, is a blow at the integrity of free institutions. It gives sanction to force, and debauches all just ideas of civil Government in the minds of rulers as well as people, and I shall hail the day when it shall retire.

I am for a policy that has for its basis trust and confidence in the people themselves; whose corner-stone is the principle that all just Governments derive their power from the consent of the governed. That principle is the light and landmark by which we should find a harbor from the stormy ocean on which we have been tossed. There we may ride in safety.

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For myself, I have one great object, and that is to obliterate the ill-feeling which engendered this strife; and to cultivate a sentiment of attachment to the Government which shall be with the people by instinct, for life itself, and which shall carry forward this nation of people to a career of prosperity; which shall confound the evil prophesies of the enemies of republicanism throughout the world, and make it the admiration of the age. I implore gentlemen of this Legislature to lift their minds above the mists of passion and prejudice, and let our work here redound to the good of our common country, and for the common good of all our countrymen."

Murder of a Justice—The Guerrillas at their Old Work.

From the Louisville Journal, Feb. 8.

On Friday morning last says the Nashville *Union*, Mr. J. G. SMART, a Justice of the Peace for the Sixteenth Civil District of Sumner County, was found lying dead in his house, with two bullet-holes through him—one penetrating his heart, and the other his brain. No one knew when the deed was perpetrated, but the villains are well known to us from ten to fifteen of HARPER'S band of guerrillas, who still infest the counties of Sumner and Robertson, robbing and plundering all who come in their way, who are unprotected. Mr. SMART was elected a Justice of the Peace in March, 1864, under Governor JOHNSON'S Proclamation and, as such, bound over a portion of the gang, who subsequently murdered him, for their appearance at court, for some serious crimes. He was seventy-one years of age, and by all was highly respected. The whole county feels outraged at this terrible deed—late rebels no less than straight-out Union men; for there is a disposition among all to harmonize and do everything in their power to restore law, order and harmony. The whole band of guerrillas infesting that section is supposed to number from twenty to thirty, and they are, in every sense of the word, outlaws, and are as much despised by late honest rebels as by Union men. These depredations are against all classes; they are in the robbing line, and do not care who their victim is, so that they can realize money from their transactions.

KENTUCKY.

House Action for Repeal of the Slave Code—"Democrats" Quarreling—Passage at Arms between two Prominent Conservatives—Gen. Palmer's Emphatic Announcement to Kentucky—Complaints of "Federal Interference."

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

LOUISVILLE, Saturday, Feb. 10, 1866.

The House, yesterday, 77 to 2, passed a bill to repeal the laws requiring the listing of slaves and making them tithable, providing for the whipping of slaves "by order of a justice of the peace," and "for the benefit of the owners of slaves," regulating the duties of jailors relative to, and allowing fees for arresting runaway slaves, and to "make all negroes and mulattoes liable to the same punishment and triable in the same manner as is provided for free negroes."

The Legislature has passed a bill to exempt homesteads—$1,000 in real estate—from sales for debt. The Senate, 6 to 12, has passed a bill providing for the payment of debts to laborers by insolvents in preference to others—giving laborers first liens upon debtors' estates.

"Democrats" are quarreling vigorously as to the policy of calling a State Convention, to define their position, mark their bearings and make nominations for the Clerkship of the Court of Appeals and other offices, to be filled next August. The *Courier* is for a Convention, and, through its tools, has called one to meet here May 1st. The *Democrat* is against a Convention, and puts up the name of R. R. BOLLING as its candidate for the Appellate clerkship, independent of any and all conventions.

Conservatives are divided as to the propriety of a Conservative Convention, but Mr. BOLLING seems their united choice for the Clerkship.

Quite a "set-to" took place yesterday, between "Conservative" Representatives ALFRED ALLEN and FRANK WOLFORD. Mr. ALLEN is reported to have said he feared loyalty was getting below par in this Legislature. Col. WOLFORD said in the charge of "loyalty below par" came with a bad grace from a gentleman whose friends were the disorganizers, doing everything in their power to destroy that Constitution which he (WOLFORD) and his friends had fought to uphold."

You perceive Gen. PALMER announces to the complaining portions of the people of Kentucky, through the Louisville complaining for them to him of "the interference of the National Government with the internal affairs of Kentucky," that the "interference" and the measures complained of

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Premiums received on marine risks from 1st January, 1865, to 31st December, 1865.$6,923,146 80
Premiums on policies not marked off 1st January, 1865.2,619,234 75

Total amount of Marine Premiums.$9,542,471 55
No policies have been issued upon life risks nor upon fire risks disconnected with marine risks.
Premiums marked off from 1st January, 1865, to 31st December, 1865.$6,764,146 38
Losses paid during the same period.$3,669,179 45
Returns of premiums and expenses.992,341 46
The company has the following assets, viz.:
United States and State of New-York Stock.$4,828,5?5 00
Loans secured by stocks, and otherwise.3,330,350 00
Real estate and bonds and mortgages.221,280 00
Dividends on stocks, interest on bonds and mortgages, and other loans, sundry notes, reinsurance and other claims due the company, estimated at.144,964 43
Premium notes and bills receivable.3,283,861 96
Cash in bank, coin.80,462 00
Cash in bank, United States Treasury Currency.310,551 78
Total amount of assets.$13,199,975 17

Six per cent. interest on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 6th of February next.

Fifty per cent. of the outstanding certificates of the issue of 1864, will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 6th February next, from which date interest on the amount, so redeemable, will cease. The certificates must be presented at the time of payment and canceled to the extent paid.

A dividend of 35 per cent. is declared on the net earned premiums of the company, for the year ending 31st December, 1865, for which certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday, the 3d of April next.

By order of the board,
WM. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

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Now, therefore, I, FREEMAN CLARKE, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank of the City of New-York, in the City of New-York and County of New-York and State of New-York, is authorized to commence the business of banking, under the act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal [SEAL.] of office, this 23d day of December, 1865.

FREEMAN CLARK,
No. 1,634. Comptroller.

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Dated New-York, Feb. 13, 1866.

STATE OF NEW-YORK, BANK DEPARTMENT,
ALBANY, Feb. 14, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT to chapter 208, laws of 1865, and 476 laws of 1863, that the circulating notes of the "MERCHANTS' BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK," a banking association, located in said city, will be redeemed at par, by the Superintendent of the Banking Department, on presentation at the New-York State National Bank, in the City of Albany, and at the Merchants' National Bank in the City of New-York, in that city, for six years from the date hereof, and not thereafter. The outstanding circulation of said bank, must be presented as aforesaid, within six years from the date hereof; and all notes which shall not be presented for redemption and payment within the time specified, will cease to be a lien upon the fund in the hands of the Superintendent for that purpose.

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Collections made promptly on all points.

HENRY W. POTTER
CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW,
(Late Secretary of State.)

FISK & HATCH,

BANKERS AND DEALERS IN

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

No. 5 NASSAU-ST.,

Keep on hand and buy and sell at market rates, all issues of

UNITED STATES BONDS, SEVEN-THIRTY TREASURY NOTES, COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES, and SPECIFICATION OF INDEBTEDNESS, &c.

Agents for the sale of the

UNITED STATES 5-YEAR 6 PER CENT. BONDS,

issued in aid of the Central Pacific R. R.

and of the

CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD STATE AID GOLD BONDS, PAYABLE IN GOLD COIN, PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, BEING A FIRST LIEN UPON THE ROAD, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Accounts of Banks, Bankers and others received on favorable terms.

Orders for the purchase and sale of Miscellaneous Stocks and Bonds, executed with care and promptness at the

REGULAR STOCK EXCHANGE.

INSURANCE SCRIP.

WM. C. GILMAN, No. 46 Pine-st.,

offers the following dividend-paying Insurance Scrip for investment:

$5,000 Sun Mutual Scrip.
$5,000 New-York Mutual Scrip.
$5,000 Commercial Mutual Scrip.
$5,000 Orient Mutual Scrip.
$2,000 Pacific Mutual Scrip.
$2,000 Union Mutual Scrip.
$2,000 Great Western Scrip.

CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD

STATE AID BONDS.

Interest at the rate of
SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM,
IN GOLD,
Payable semi-annually.
Guaranteed and paid by the
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

The bonds are secured by a mortgage on 160 miles of road, from Sacramento to the California State line, forming part of the GREAT PACIFIC RAILROAD ROUTE, ADOPTED and AIDED by the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. They are further secured by a SINKING FUND of $50,000 PER ANNUM, reserved from the earnings of the road, and PLEDGED FOR THEIR REDEMPTION. They are a first-class security in every respect, and a limited amount will be offered upon terms which render them a VERY ATTRACTIVE and DESIRABLE INVESTMENT. For further particulars inquire at our office, No. 5 Nassau-st.

FISK & HATCH BANKERS.

MANGAM & TALBERT,

BANKERS,

NO. 40 WALL-ST.

DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

BONDS AND GOLD BOUGHT AND SOLD ON COMMISSION.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DAILY BALANCES, SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,

NO. 56 WALL-ST.,

ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
INTEREST DEPARTMENT.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 5, 1866.

Schedules of (30) thirty or more Seven and Three-tenths Coupons, payable Feb. 15, next, will now be received for examination

E. H. DYCKMAN,
Assistant Treasurer U. S.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK,

NO. 200 BROADWAY,

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

BANKERS AND DEALERS ACCOUNTS SOLICITED.

J. H. STOUT, Cashier. D. L. ROSS, President.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY,

NO. 8 WALL-ST.

Offers will be received until the 1st day of March proximo for $300,000 of the Consolidated Sinking Fund Convertible Mortgage Bonds of this company. These bonds are a portion of $2,000,000, issued for the purpose of providing additional rolling stock required to accommodate the growing business of the company, and for the completion of the additional road now under construction to Omaha, on the Missouri; and the mortgage provides for a further issue of $500,000 more of said bonds, if said extent of issue should be found necessary for such issue shall be found necessary.

The bonds bear date Jan. 14, 1865, carry seven per cent. interest, payable quarterly in New-York; have fifty years to run, and are secured by a Deed of Trust to Samuel J. Tilden, Esq., upon all the company's lines of road and equipment in the States of Illinois and Wisconsin, now completed, or to be completed, more than 160 miles of which are subject to no other mortgage. This mortgage, together with all other liens, amounts in the aggregate to only $8,000 per mile upon the road.

Proposals will also be made in the mortgage for the absorption, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, of all prior liens into this class of bonds, in the expectation that eventually the entire issue of the company will be exchanged for these, leaving this class of bonds the only mortgage lien upon the company's entire lines of road.

These bonds are convertible into the preferred stock of the company, at the option of the holder, any time prior to Jan. 1, 1868. For further particulars inquire at the company's office.

By order of the Board of Directors.

H. H. BOODY, Agent.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 14, 1866.

THE OSWEGO AND SYRACUSE RAILROAD COMPANY will pay the Twenty-first Semi-annual Dividend of Four per Cent, free from the government tax, on the 20th day of February inst. New-York stockholders will be paid by Henry A. Oakley, Esq., Transfer Agent of the road, and PLEDGED FOR THEIR REDEMPTION. They are a first-class security in every respect, and a limited amount will be offered upon terms which render them a VERY ATTRACTIVE and DESIRABLE INVESTMENT. For further particulars inquire at our office, No. 5 Nassau-st.

FISK & HATCH BANKERS.

DIVIDENDS.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY.

TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.

A dividend of Five per Cent, free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on and after the 20th of February, at No. 128 Bowery.

WM. T. LEGGETT, Secretary.

Feb. 8, 1866.

OFFICE OF CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 61 Pine-st., NEW-YORK, Feb. 8, 1866.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a dividend for the month of January of ONE PER CENT. upon the capital stock of the company, payable on the 20th inst.

Transfer books will be closed from the 15th to the 20th inst., both days inclusive. AUSTIN STEVENS,
Secretary.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.

WASHINGTON LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 157 Broadway,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1866.

A DIVIDEND of
SIX PER CENT.
is THIS DAY declared, payable on demand, in cash, to stockholders.

A SCRIP DIVIDEND of SIX (6) PER CENT. on outstanding scrip, payable 20th March, in CASH.

Also, a SCRIP DIVIDEND of TWENTY PER CENT. on the Earned Premiums of Policies entitled to participate in the profits for the year ending 31st January, 1866. The scrip will be ready for delivery on and after 15th March next.

GEO. C. SATTERLEE, President.
HENRY WESTON, Vice-President.

WM. K. LOTHROP, Secretary.
WM. A. SCOTT, Assistant Secretary.

DIVIDEND.

LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
No. 144 Broadway, N. Y.

Cash capital.$1,000,000
Assets Feb. 1, 1866.1,248,497 12

A dividend of Five Per Cent. on the capital stock of this company has been declared this day, payable on demand.

JOHN C. MILLS, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1866.

THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD CO.,
TREASURER'S OFFICE,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 14, 1866.

TWENTY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.—The directors of this company have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Three Per Cent. on the capital stock thereof, free of U. S. Internal Revenue Income Tax, payable on the 20th day of February next.

Dividends in New-York will be paid at the office of Duncan, Sherman & Co.; in Albany, at the Albany City Bank.

The transfer-books will be closed at the close of business on Wednesday, the 31st day of January inst., and reopened on the morning of the 21st day of February.

E. D. WORCESTER,
Treasurer.

SIXTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.—THE UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per cent., free of government tax, payable on demand, and carried Three (3) per cent. to surplus account, out of the earnings of the last six months.

SURPLUS JAN. 1, 1866, $130,000.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1866.

W. W. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK AND ALLEGHANY OIL COMPANY, NO. 158 MAIDEN-LANE, NEW-YORK.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared a Dividend of Five Per Cent. on the Capital Stock, ($250,000,) payable at the office of the Company on and after the 16th inst. Transfer books will be closed from the 10th to the 15th inst.

WM. H. PHELPS, Secretary.

OFFICE GREENWICH INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 7, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) Per Cent., free of government tax, and payable to the stockholders at their office, No. 191 Broadway, on and after the 13th inst. Transfer books closed until that date. By order, JAMES HARRISON, Sec'y.

OFFICE OF THE ESSEVALE COAL COMPANY,
ROOM NO. 44, TRINITY BUILDING,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 14, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a dividend of six (6) per cent. on the capital stock, payable on demand at the office of the company.

G. LEE STOUT, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE BENNINGTON AND PIT HOLE OIL COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 14, 1866.

THE TRUSTEES OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared a dividend of (2) Two Per Cent for January, payable on demand. Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 20th inst, inclusive.

JAMES DEVEAU, Secretary.

SAVINGS BANKS.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,

HAS REMOVED TO NO. 29 COOPER INSTITUTE, Astor-place, during the erection of their new Banking-house. Bank open from 10 to 3 P. M. and on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS from 5 to 7 P. M. SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED FROM DEPOSIT.

WM. J. HARNES, Sec. ISAAC T. SMITH, Pres't.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST PAID.

Free from government tax.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner of Twenty-third-st. and Third-avenue.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,

CANAL-ST., CORNER OF VARICK-ST.

Interest, SIX PER CENT, free of tax.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

THIS CERTIFIES THAT ROBERT B. MINTURN, JOHN MASON MINTURN, ELIAS WARD, Jr., and JOHN N. AHMAN, all of whom reside in the City of New-York, and WILLIAM H. SWAN, who resides in the City of Brooklyn, and State of New-York, carried on, in the City of New-York, a business with foreign countries under the copartnership-name or firm of GRINNELL, MINTURN & CO., intend, on and after the date hereof, to continue the said business under the same firm.

(Signed) ROBERT B. MINTURN,
(Signed) JOHN MASON MINTURN,
(Signed) ELIAS WARD, JR.,
(Signed) J. N. AHMAN,
(Signed) WILLIAM H. SWAN.

Dated New-York, Jan. 17, 1866.
(U. S. Stamp, 10 cents canceled.)

City and County of New-York, ss.: On this nineteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, before me came ROBERT B. MINTURN, JOHN MASON MINTURN, ELIAS WARD, Jr., JOHN N. AHMAN and WILLIAM H. SWAN, all to me personally known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and severally acknowledged the execution thereof.

ADAM P. PENTZ, Notary Public.
(U. S. Stamp, 5 cents, canceled.)

Filed with the Clerk of the County of New-York, January twenty, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the name and firm of LONDON & KLEINHANS, of Amboy, dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. MARTIN KLEINHANS retires from all debts and liabilities of the firm and will sign in liquidation.

M. LONDON.
M. KLEINHANS.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 10, 1866.

The undersigned have formed a copartnership under the firm and name of LONDON & PUSTKUCHEN, for the purpose of carrying on the foreign and domestic fruit business.

G. PUSTKUCHEN.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY formed a copartnership, under the firm name of WORK, DAVIS & BARTON, for the purpose of buying and selling stocks, bonds and other securities on commission.

FRANK WORK,
JAS. M. DAVIS,
Formerly of Jas. M. Davis & Co.
SAMUEL BARTON.

No. 19 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 13, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP.—THE UNDERSIGNED, CORNELIUS MOORE, L. S. MOORE and JAMES JOHNSTON, of Yonkers, N. Y., have this day formed a copartnership under the name of D. S. MOORE & CO., for the purpose of carrying on a shipping and commission business at No. 10 Old-slip.

D. S. MOORE,
JAMES JOHNSTON.

FURNITURE.

FINE ROSEWOOD PARLOR FURNITURE.

Patent rosewood bedsteads, patent rosewood bureaus, (the handling of a number of keys avoided, the lock controlling four drawers.) Also, rosewood, black walnut, and oak library, dining-room and chamber furniture, at SPRING MATTRESS WAREHOUSE, No. 722 Broadway, (established 1844,) opposite the New-York Hotel. Factory 3d-av., corner of 16th-st.

FURNITURE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, carpets, bedding, oil cloths, parlor and bedroom suites, &c., at No. 341 Bowery, Nos. 309 and 311 Division-st., corner of Canal. Housekeepers will be supplied and can pay by installments if preferred.

ENAMELED FURNITURE.—THE LARGEST assortment of enameled, chestnut and solid walnut bedroom suites, in this city. Also, mirrors, springbeds, &c.; all goods warranted as represented; at the old established house. WARREN WARD & CO., 277 Canal.

ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, bedding, looking-glasses, &c., cheapest at SNEDEN & CHRISTIE'S, 3d-av., Brewery, between Stanton and Houston sts. Call and save money; goods warranted and delivered free; furniture in suites.

FOR SALE.—A BEAUTIFUL BLACK WALNUT book-case, made to order after a Parisian design; also, fine bronzes, and a very desirable collection of French and English books. Apply at No. 161 East 12th-st.

LOST AND FOUND.

$10,000 REWARD.

LOST OR STOLEN,

FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS,

IN 7 3-10 TREASURY NOTES,

Dated June 15, 1865,

AND NUMBERED

111,653 TO 111,732 INCLUSIVE.

BONDS, 500 EACH.

The public are cautioned against negotiating those bonds, as payment has been stopped.

REFER TO
AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK.

LOST OR STOLEN—TWO NOTES, DRAWN by Kenney & Carrington; one for $2,000, at 90 days, for $2,000; one dated Jan. 10, 1866, at 30 days, for $2,000, and made payable at the Chatham National Bank, and supposed to have been deposited in the New-York Exchange Bank. All persons addressed as W. E. Burlock, Birmingham, Conn. All persons are cautioned against negotiating the same, as payment has been stopped. RAMSEY & CARRINGTON, No. 91 Franklin-st.

FOUND—FEB. 13, A SOLDIER'S BADGE. THE owner can obtain it by proving property and paying expenses. Call at No. 308 Broadway, first floor.

DENTISTRY.

COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION.—"TO DR. COLTON is due the credit of reviving the use of this important agent (Nitrous Oxide) in the practice of dentistry."—*Lines from Dr. Gunn-ham.* That we administer the gas in the most safe and efficient manner, 9,000 patients and the Medical profession of New-York will testify. Offices No. 19 and 20 Cooper Institute.

DRS. GRIFFIN, NO. 258 GRAND-ST., opposite Lord & Taylor's, New-York, are inserting FULL or PARTIAL SETS of their IMPROVED ARTIFICIAL TEETH, with or without extracting the roots. Full sets on gold or platina, $25; silver or rubber, $10; partial sets gold, per tooth, $5; silver or rubber, $1.

105.—DR. J. A. KELLEY, DENTIST, NO. 105 East 16th-st., between Broadway and Union-square-place. Operations carefully and skillfully performed. All work satisfactory or no pay. The very worst of teeth saved.

AUCTION SALES.

SALE OF CONDEMNED ORDNANCE STORES.—Will be sold, at public auction, at Indianapolis Arsenal, Indianapolis, Indiana, on the 26th day of February, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., a large quantity of ordnance stores of inferior quality, consisting in part of the following articles, viz.:

Fifty-two wagons, complete.
10,000 musketoon and rifles, new and old, United States and foreign, of various calibres.
500 Sharp's carbines, new and old, with a large lot of spare parts for the repair of small arms of various patterns.
400 cavalry sabre belts, worn.
777 cavalry carbine irons.
1,000 cavalry saddle trees, worn.
400 bell bridles for riding, worn.
1,000 artillery harness, complete, worn.
100 slings for artillery, worn.
1,000 sets of infantry accoutrements, worn.
61,000 rounds of cartridge ammunition for various kinds of muskets and rifles.

Inspection to be seen at the Indianapolis Arsenal and at the United States Ordnance Agency, No. 41 Worth-st., New-York City.

Terms of sale, cash.

JAS. M. WHITTEMORE,
Captain and Brevet Major Ord. Commanding.

LARGE GOVERNMENT SALE OF OCEAN AND RIVER STEAMERS, TUGS, SCHOONERS, BARGES, BOATS, &c.

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE GULF,
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 29, 1866.

The following-named vessels, the property of the Quartermaster's Department, U. S. Army, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Office of Chief Quartermaster, Lafayette-square, No. 119 Camp-st.:

Steamship "Crescent," registered 1,329 tons, iron vessel.
Steamship "St. Mary," registered 1,329 tons, iron vessel.
Steamship "Clinton," registered 1,329 tons, iron vessel.
Steamship "Alabama," registered 600 tons.
Steamship "Geo. Peabody," registered 1,513 tons.
Steamship "Conveyor," registered 600 tons.
Steamship "Sylvan Dell," registered 600 tons.
Propeller "Corinthian," registered 300 tons.
Propeller "Stanton," registered 1,200 tons.
Propeller "Rescue," registered 400 tons.
Propeller "Exact," registered 300 tons.
Propeller "Porter," registered 300 tons.
Propeller "Prompt," registered 300 tons.
Propeller "Alliance," registered 200 tons, iron vessel.
Side-wheel towboat "St. Charles," registered 800 tons.
Side-wheel steamer "J. W. Hancock," registered 650 tons.
Side-wheel steamer "Diana," registered 769 tons.
Side-wheel steamer "Col. Holcomb," registered 220 tons.
Side-wheel steamer "Mustang," registered 178 tons.
Stern-wheel steamer "Altamont," registered 262 tons.
Stern-wheel steamer "Alliance," registered 169 tons.
Stern-wheel steamer "Col. Benedict," registered 181 tons.
Wheel in recess steamer "Tamaulipas," registered 394 tons, iron vessel.
Wheel in recess steamer "Matamoras," registered 394 tons, iron vessel.
Centre-wheel steamer "Col. Colburn," registered 125 tons, large railroad ferry-boat.
Centre-wheel steamer "Gen. Ransom," registered 104 tons, large railroad ferry-boat.
Tug "Ferry," registered 125 tons.
Tug "Jersey," registered 14 tons.
Tug "Cleveland," registered 37 tons.
Tug "Belle Darlington," registered 95 tons.
Tug "Belle Roberts," registered 147 tons.
Schooner "H. D. Adams," registered 113 tons.
Schooner "Scout," registered 116 tons.
Schooner "Union," registered 98 tons.
Schooner "Winona," registered 117 tons.
Schooner "Annette," registered 126 tons.
Schooner "Highlander," registered 240 tons.
Model barge "Col. Mulligan," registered 126 tons.
Three (3) lighters.
One (1) flatboat.
Ten (10) small boats.
Three (3) barges.
Nine (9) yawls.

A full description of these vessels can be had on application at the office of Brevet Lieut.-Col. E. R. ALLEN, A. Q. M., Tchoupitoulas-st., New-Orleans, and most of them can be seen at this port or vicinity.

Terms.—Cash, United States currency, or certified transportation vouchers; first payment of 20 per cent. of the purchase money to be paid on bidding off each boat, and the balance to be paid within eight (8) days thereafter.

By order of the Quartermaster-General:

C. G. HAWTHORNE,
Colonel and Chief Quartermaster,
Military Division of the Gulf.

R. A. CHILSON, Auctioneer.

U. S. GOVERNMENT SALE OF CONDEMNED SUBSISTENCE STORES.

WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION,

FRIDAY, Feb. 16, 1866, at No. 2 Bridge-st.:

11 bbls. Dried Peaches,
20 bbls. Dried Apples.

Said property on Terms cash.

By order, Capt. JOHN R. JENNINGS, A. Q. M.

SALE OF MEDICINES BELONGING TO THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

MEDICAL PURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb 9, 1866.

An auction sale of Valuable Medicines no longer required by the Medical Department, U. S. Army, will be held in this city on THURSDAY, the first day of March next, and following days, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., at the warehouses located on Judiciary-square, 5th and E sts., back of the City Hall.

The medicines are in the original packages, and the attention of the trade is invited to the sale, which will embrace the following principal articles, viz.:

Sulphuric ether, 500 lbs.; alcohol, 500 bottles; compound tincture of cinchona, 1,000 lbs.; simple ether, 1,000 lbs.; chloroform, 500 lbs.; fluid extract of buchu, 300 lbs.; fluid extract of cinchona, 500 lbs.; fluid extract of ipecacuanha, 250 lbs.; fluid extract of rhubarb, 500 lbs.; Dover's powder, 200 lbs.; cod liver oil, 1,000 bottles; camphor pills, 1,000 dozen; compound cathartic pills, 1,000 dozen; opium pills, 1,000 dozen; tubes of potassium, 200 dozen; morphine, 400 lbs.; powdered rhubarb, 250 lbs.; syrup of squill, 500 lbs.; compound spirits of lavender, 500 lbs.; besides other articles. Upward of sixty articles, the *Medical Notice*, in lots similar to the above, will be offered for sale.

Catalogues containing a complete list, with full particulars, may be had, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway.

Terms cash, in Government funds.

Five days will be allowed to purchasers in removing their property.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Surg. U. S. A., Medical Purveyor.
C. W. BOTELER, Jr.,
Auctioneer.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

DESIRABLE LOTS, FOURTH AND FIFTH STS., FORTY-NINTH, FIFTIETH, SEVENTY-FIFTH AND SEVENTY-SIXTH STS. AT AUCTION.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Feb. 20, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

4TH-AV.—1 lot, east side, 21 feet 2 inches south of 76th-st., 21 feet 2 inches by 100 feet.

5TH-AV.—6 lots, comprising nearly the entire front, extra fronts as described on the above diagram.

49TH-ST.—2 lots, north side, 100 feet east of 5th-av.; each 20x100 feet 5 inches.

50TH-ST.—2 lots, south side, 100 feet east of 5th-av.; each 20x100 feet 5 inches.

70TH-ST.—2 lots, south side, 175 feet east of 4th-av.; each 25x102 feet 2 inches.

71ST-ST.—2 lots, north side, 175 feet east of 4th-av.; each 25x102 feet 2 inches.

72D-ST.—2 lots, south side, 175 feet east of 4th-av.; each 25x102 feet 2 inches.

76TH-ST.—2 lots, south side, 100 feet west of 3d-av.; each 20x102 feet 2 inches.

Maps, &c., at the office of the Auctioneers, E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st., N. Y.

P. C. BULKLEY, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED PROPERTY AT AUCTION.—P. C. BULKLEY will sell on TUESDAY, Feb. 27, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway: 12 lots, ready for immediate improvement, on 55th and 56th sts., between 8th and 9th avs., described as follows: 2 lots north side 55th-st., 300 feet west of 8th-av.; 6 lots, 3 north side of 55th-st., 300 feet from the avenue, and 3 south side of 56th-st., 275 feet from avenue; 8 lots, 3 on 55th and 5 on 56th sts., 225 feet from Ninth-av. Also the valuable improved property known as Nos. 25 Chambers-st. and 1 Reade-st., between Broadway and Chambers-st., about 30 feet front on each street by 180 feet in depth; the buildings are five stories, first and second floors are fitted for offices in the upper floors. Also, the four-story high-stoop brown-stone house north side of 23d-st., between Lexington-av. and 4th-av., known as No. 7, lot 20x100; house 28 by about 70, and extension about 16x24. Maps at the office, No. 63 Wall-st., Jauncey-court.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY CORNER OF CHAMBERS AND CHURCH STS.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on FRIDAY, Feb. 16, 1866, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York:

THE VALUABLE LOTS of ground, Nos. 104 and 106 Chambers-st., southwest corner of Church-st. Two five-story brown-stone stores are erected on the lots.

This is a very desirable property, and under lease expiring May 1, 1873; ground rent $4,000 per annum; tenant to pay tax

SHIPPING.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT COBH HARBOR.
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND COBH HARBOR.

AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 28.
CANADA leaves Boston Wednesday, Feb. 28.
CUBA leaves New-York Wednesday, March 7.
ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, March 14.
JAVA leaves New-York Wednesday, March 21.
AFRICA leaves Boston Wednesday, March 28.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage	$122 50
Second Cabin Passage	80 00
Steerage	40 00

FROM LIVERPOOL TO NEW-YORK.

Chief Cabin Passage	$133 50
Second Cabin Passage	85 00

Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not pass accountable for Specie or Valuables unless Bills of Lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.
For freight or passage apply at the office of the Company, No. 37 Broadway.

C. H. EDWARDS, Manager.

For steerage passage at THOMPSON'S Passage Office, No. 275 Pearl-st., and at the Company's Office, No. 37 Broadway.

E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, having been thoroughly refitted, will leave Pier No. 49 North River, foot of Morton-st., calling at Falmouth, on the following days, as soon precisely:

FULTON.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....Feb. 17, 1866.
ARAGO.....HENRY A. GARDNER.....March 31, 1866.
FULTON.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....April 14, 1866.

And every twenty-eight days thereafter.

PRICES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.

First cabin.....$120 | Second cabin.....$80 | Steerage.....$60

Through tickets to London, $5 extra.

An experienced surgeon on board.
The Company will not be responsible for specie or valuables under bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.
For further information apply to

JOSEPH J. COMSTOCK, Agent,
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S NEW LINE OF FIRST-CLASS MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The first splendid vessels on this favorite route for the continent are the following:

NOUVEAU MONDE...3,200 tons.....600-horse power
WASHINGTON.....3,200 tons.....600-horse power
LAFAYETTE.....3,200 tons.....600-horse power
EUROPE.....2,304 tons.....400-horse power
NAPOLEON III.....2,100 tons.....350-horse power
ST. LAURENT.....1,350-horse power
PEREIRE.....1,350-horse power
VILLE DE PARIS.....1,350-horse power

Leaving Pier No. 50 North River,
NOUVEAU MONDE, Capt. DE VALENCY, Friday, Mar 2
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Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

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SCOTLAND	3,265	Hall.
VIRGINIA	2,576	Prowse.
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Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:

HELVETIA.....SATURDAY, Feb. 17
SCOTLAND.....SATURDAY, Feb. 24
AND EVERY SATURDAY THEREAFTER.

The state of these steamships for safety, speed and state-rooms, all opening directly into the saloon; the accommodations and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.

An experienced Surgeon on each ship free of charge.
Steerage passage tickets to bring parties from Liverpool or Queenstown, for $37 currency.
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The owners of these vessels will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having their value expressed therein, are signed therefor.
For freight or cabin passage, apply at the office of the Company, No. 57 Broadway.

C. H. EDWARDS, Manager.

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STEAM TO LIVERPOOL—CALLING AT Queenstown. The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carries the United States mails.

CITY OF WASHINGTON.....SATURDAY.....Feb. 17
CITY OF LIMERICK.....WEDNESDAY.....Feb. 21
CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY.....Feb. 24
CITY OF DUBLIN.....WEDNESDAY.....Feb. 28
and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 44 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

First Cabin to Cork.....$75 | Steerage to Cork.....$30
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Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.
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ATLANTIC, C. HOYER, 12th April.
WESTERN METROPOLIS, 3,000 tons, 1,000-horse power, 26th April.

Prices of passage payable in gold.
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An experienced surgeon on board.
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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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Goods consigned to our address promptly forwarded.
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Cabin passage $25. Deck $10.

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The above splendid steamships will leave every THURSDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 36 North River, invariably landing cargo at Adger's Wharf.
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MONEKA,
will positively sail on THURSDAY, Feb. 15, at 3 o'clock P. M.
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EVERY SATURDAY, at 3 P. M.
KING, Capt. KING,
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FOR CALIFORNIA VIA PANAMA.—THE Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer NEW-YORK will sail from Pier No. 42 North River, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21, at 12 o'clock noon. Freight will be received as usual.
MERCHANDISE FOR ISTHMUS OF PANAMA Taken at greatly reduced rates.
Shippers will find it to their advantage to examine our tariff.
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FOR SAVANNAH.—MURRAY'S WEEKLY LINE.—PASSAGE REDUCED.—Cabin, $25; Deck, $10. The first-class steamships VIRGO, BULKLEY, Commander; LEO, MERRILL, Commander. The LEO is now receiving freight at Pier No. 12 East River, and will sail on THURSDAY, Feb. 15, at 3 P. M.
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MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., No. 62 South-st.
OCTAVUS OGDEN, Agent, Savannah.

FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS.—THE SPLENdid fast-sailing side-wheel steamship LILLIAN, Capt. J. B. HILDRETH, is receiving cargo at Pier No. 13 North River, and will sail WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21, having the capacity only for the bulk of her cargo. Light freight.
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AND CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.

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FEBRUARY.

10th. COSTA RICA, connecting with SACRAMENTO.
21st. NEW-YORK, connecting with GOLDEN AGE.

Departures of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS; and 11th for CENTRAL AMERICAN PORTS. Those of 1st touch at HANKAMITA.

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WINSLOW LOVELAND, Commander,
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$40 FIRST CABIN PASSAGE.

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Cabin very commodious and elegantly furnished.
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First cabin passage.....$20 | Deck.....$10

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Extra freight will be charged on all goods for which bills of lading are not taken out before the steamer sails.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

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R. ADAMS, Commander,
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SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 30 Broadway.

N. B.—The favorite steamer EAGLE, J. J. LAWRENCE, Commander, will succeed the MORRO CASTLE and leave on March 7.

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The GEO. WASHINGTON will follow on SATURDAY, Feb. 24.

FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS.

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CROWELL, Master,
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THE NORTH AMERICAN LLOYD'S steamship ATLANTIC, CHAS. HOYER commander, carrying the United States mail, will sail from Pier No. 42 N. R., THURSDAY, 22d Feb., at 12 o'clock M., for Bremen, via Cowes, taking passengers to London, Havre, Southampton and Bremen. Price of passage, first cabin, $80; second cabin, $50; steerage, $27 50, payable in gold or its equivalent. For freight and passage apply to RUGER BROS., General Agents, No. 45 Beaver-st.

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7 A. M. via Hudson River Railroad, connecting with Northern and Western trains.
8 A. M. via Harlem Railroad, connecting with Northern and Western trains.
9 A. M. via Hudson River Railroad, connecting with Albany and Troy trains for North and West.
10 A. M. via Harlem Railroad, connecting with Albany and Troy trains for North and West.
12 M. via Hudson River Railroad, connecting with Albany and Troy trains for North and West.
3:45 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad, connecting with Western trains, and at Troy with Rensselaer and Saratoga and Boston, for points North, with through sleeping cars.
5 P. M. via Harlem River Railroad, connecting with Western trains, and at Troy with Rensselaer and Saratoga, for points North, with through sleeping cars.
7 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad, connecting with Western trains, and at Troy with Rensselaer and Saratoga, for points North, with through sleeping cars.
11:30 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad, with through sleeping cars from New-York to Albany and Troy without change.

Leave Albany for the Western via Harlem Railroad at 1 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.
Leave Troy for the Western via Harlem Railroad at 1:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.
Leave Albany for the Western via Hudson River Railroad at 1:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.
Leave Troy for the Western via Hudson River Railroad at 2 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.

WM. K. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT at foot of Chambers-st., as follows:

7:30 A. M.—Express Mail for Dunkirk and Buffalo, Binghamton, Elmira, Corning, Hornellsville, Salamanca and all Western points. Connects at Buffalo with Lake Shore and Grand Trunk Railways, and at Salamanca with Atlantic and Great Western Railway.
9:30 A. M.—Express Mail for Buffalo, Salamanca, and Dunkirk, connecting with Lake Shore and Atlantic and Great Western Railways.
1:30 P. M.—Way Trains for Port Jervis and Newburgh.
3:30 P. M.—Night Express for Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca and West.
5:00 P. M.—Accommodation Express, Daily, for Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and West; connects at Buffalo with Lake Shore and Grand Trunk Railways, and at Salamanca with Atlantic and Great Western Railway.
6:30 P. M.—Emigrant Train, daily, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and West.
11:00 P. M.—Express Mail, daily, for Binghamton, Elmira, Owego, Hornellsville, Corning and Olean.

HUGH RIDDLE, General Superintendent.
W. H. BARR, Gen'l Pass. Agent, N. York.

HARLEM AND DELAWARE BAY RAILROAD.

On and after MONDAY, Feb. 12, 1866, the express train for Camden will be discontinued. The steamer will leave Pier No. 4, North River, daily, Sundays excepted, at 4 P. M., connecting with trains for Manchester, Toms River and Long Branch &c.

FREIGHT FOR CAMDEN and intermediate stations will be taken at LOW RATES on the 4 o'clock line, reaching Camden the next morning.

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From foot of Cortlandt-st.
Leave New-York for Perth Amboy and Woodbridge—and 10 A. M., 2, 4:10 and 5:40 P. M.
Leave Amboy—7:30, 9:05 A. M., 12:15, 4:30, 6:30 P. M.
Leave Woodbridge—7:25, 9:05 A. M., 12:15, 4:10, 6:30 P. M.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 9:15 A. M., 12:30, 4:30, and 6:00 P. M. The 9:15 and 4:30 run through to Binghamton. On Monday only for Piermont at 5:15 A. M. THOS. W. DEMAREST, Superintendent.

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The Water Wells in the Neighborhood Filling with Oil.

From the Meadville Republican, Feb. 8.

Having heard so much within the last few days about the burning oil-well, a party of us started last evening (Feb. 7) for the well. Taking the ice on one of the small ravines which are so numerous along the banks of the Allegheny, we, after reaching the mouth of East Sandy Creek, which empties into the Allegheny some seven miles below Franklin, again took to the road, and after walking and riding about five miles further, came to Mayes' Hotel, whence we started on foot for the great burning-well, which is nearly two miles from the hotel, down by the steepest and narrowest path that can be imagined until we reached the flat land or bottom, and after going through a short piece of woods a most magnificent sight met our gaze.

Imagine a space perhaps forty feet square sending up a solid sheet of flame nearly sixty feet in height. It lights up all the country for miles around, so that one can see to read a newspaper at a distance of four or five miles. The heat of the fire has started vegetation to growing, and grass can be plucked there as green as that found in Summer time. The well is owned by parties at Rochester, N. Y., and was struck some four years ago. It commenced flowing oil and water with a very strong force of gas, and the owners were confident they had a good well, but two weeks ago last night, the men going to supper, the well took fire—it is supposed from the engine—and has been burning ever since. The flame, when first discovered, was coming out of the driving pipe and was not more than three or four feet in diameter; but, after burning two or three days, the driving pipe was melted off two or three feet and thus allowing the gas and oil to separate before reaching the top, spread over a surface thirty or forty feet square. It has burned ever since with no cessation.

Sometimes the flames will reach to a height of 100 feet, and livening the trees which crown the summits of the surrounding hills, and the reflections against the sky produce an effect which no pen can describe or pencil do justice to.

From the Pithole Record, Feb. 10.

The oil well excitement still continues, and the presence of oil has been found on nearly all the side of the hill above Holmden-street, and there are numberless springs which are yielding oil freely. People from all parts of the oil regions are beginning to arrive for the purpose of seeing these flowing oil springs, which are considered by all to be one of the greatest curiosities yet seen even here, where our wells flow forth freely from 100 to 1,500 barrels per day. To see a common wooden pump bringing forth its full volume of oil worth $3 50 per barrel, convinces us that there is more money to be made in Pithole than anywhere in the oil regions. The whole ground seems saturated with oil. One man dug a hole in the ground about a foot deep, and in a few minutes got a pailful of oil for his trouble. The ground is now being riddled with shallow holes in which large quantities of oil ooze up, and the scene forcibly reminds us of gold digging. Mr. L. L. Hill's well pumped out 25 barrels of oil in 15 hours, and he is now erecting a tank for its reception.

Mrs. Rickert's well has not been pumped much yet, but yields the oleaginous fluid freely to the stroke of the pump, and if a proper one is put in, there can be no doubt but the yield would be very considerable.

At one of the springs belonging to the Buffalo House the proprietor had gathered four barrels of oil with a tin dipper, and there are many others who have been equally fortunate.

Oil was found in a great many cellars yesterday. Mr. Bernard Morahan filled a large washtub with oil from his water-pipe; a number of others have done the same.

A well belonging to the Confer Hotel (late Hubbs House) has been found to have oil on it; another oil spring has been found in the rear of Fifth-street, so that we may fairly presume that every man will be able to dig his own oil before long.

Scientific men are much puzzled as to the cause of this outpouring of nature's greasy treasures, and their perplexity is added to by the flow of salt water and gas with the oil, which, according to their experience, is one of the most favorable signs.

Two men named John Carrol and Justin Richards were severely burned on Thursday night. They went after dark with a lantern to see the oil on a spring, and holding the light rather near to the spring, the gas caught the fire, throwing the lantern a great distance, and severely burning the men, who only saved themselves by rolling in the snow.

Another man who went to see Mr. Hill's well about the same time, put the lantern to the barrel to see the oil, which also caught fire. The fire was put out by throwing blankets over it, while the man who did the mischief ran as if old Nick was after him.

Many ludicrous incidents are narrated of the manner in which some of them took their sudden accession of fortune.

Yesterday morning, men, women and boys could be seen with tin pails, wooden pails, tea-kettles, &c., in their hands, vainly searching for pure water. Oil might buy coffee and tea, but could not make it, so that urchins who had to be water-carriers appeared to think there might be too much of a good thing, even if it is oil! Nor are they alone in their grief, for a cow walked up to her accustomed watering-place, smelt the oil, and evidently thought petroleum would make butter taste bad.

At the first discovery of the wells the excitement began to increase, and a man who had heard of the various fractions used in the oil trade, offered to pump all day for one-thirty-seventh of the oil; others were more selfish, for they would pump all the time, but wanted half the oil, and were willing to take the washerwoman into the bargain.

An Irishman, who had a small spring, was highly elated at the turn fortune was taking. Said he: "yesterday, I wasn't worth a cint, and be jabbers to-day I'm worth thousands upon thousands.

NOTES FROM OIL-DORADO.

How to Get There—Experience of an Adventurer—Drawbacks to the Oil Business.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

Rousseville, Saturday, Jan. 20, 1866.

"Rousseville," "Plumer" and "Pithole!" "Pithole," "Plumer" and "Rousseville!" "Plum-Pit" and "Rouse-Hole!" "Yeep!" With all this eloquence of vociferation greeting me one clear, sunny morning of the January "cold snap," I left the corner stove of the railway car at Oil City Station, and clambered, carpet-bag in hand, to a convenient seat in close proximity to the slouch hat and leather lungs and oleaginous raiment of the conductor of the Oil Creek stage-line; a "stage" by figure of speech, but more correctly and less poetically, a most clumsy and muddy farm wagon, fitted with four spring seats, just wide enough for two and a half, that is, before it starts. Once under way, the rough roads reduce the limits seriously, as I knew by some previous experience.

Fresh from a severe night in that inhospitable palace called the "McHenry House," of Meadville, tolerably well provided with heaters, from which the steam is intolerably shut off, to the confusion of all benumbed lodgers, I anticipated the open wagon ride up the creek in such weather, with some misgivings to ears and other extensions. It was one of those mornings peculiar to bitterly cold weather; old Eolus frozen at his post, and the winds denied their holiday; the steam and smoke of the derrick engines, here and there observed, going straight up in undisturbed lines like the prayers of all good people; the broad bosom of the Alleghany, discarding now its accustomed fleet of flat boats and tugs, was covered with rough fields of broken ice, only here and there the dark currents of living water being visible; all along the abrupt hill slopes, which the "Franklin branch" skirts, the great stalactites and stalagmites, displayed numerous arrested cascades, no longer pursuing their downward flow and rigidly fastened to rock-face and sward, in strange contrast of form and color; and that these and other wintery indications had to be observed through pin scratches on the window panes of a warm car was not the least of other evidence, to traveling unfortunates, of the keen air which made its own tracery in frost work, of leaf and branch, feather and plume, in spite of the car stoves.

So with all due respect to the state of the thermometer and some confidence in a certain personal circulation of arterial blood, which had been tested often enough to be trusted, I gave up part of my seat to an oil creek belle, and gathered my shawl around me in quietness of confidence—(that is, as to the aforesaid weather.)

Our first movement after thumping across the railway track, and a short distance up the street, was a halt. A long line of wagons of all descriptions of form and load, was at a stand-still for a quarter mile ahead; some luckless team and load stuck in one of the various holes with which travel along the "Broadway" of Oil City is diversified and intensified. After at least half an hour for deliberate study of the locality, we fairly resumed the peculiar panorama of this extraordinary town, which hangs painfully along the steep slope of the river bank, and has not, as yet, adopted the "Russ" or "Belgian" pavement. The great and lively city of "Napoleon," which was built all along the Mississippi, consisted of two taverns and a grocery, and Oil City consists of about a mile of "Napoleon's" placed "end for end." A ride through the lower town, in the "stage," is not exactly safe for glass whisky flasks, and rather obnexious to chronometer balances; and a ride all the way to Rouseville, with a substantial young lady on the same spring-board, probably may be considered, in the way of a general acquaintance, equivalent to four quadrilles, five waltzes, and an indefinite number of polkas in a "Japanese" ball. Fortunately for distinct individualities, it is only four miles and an hour and a half by the time-table; a full dollar's worth at that, beyond argument. Half the performance would be acceptable at the same rate. But the still air and the exercise saved us from any extraordinary chilliness, and no unusual care of fingers and ears was required. Blessed are those who prepare themselves for trouble; for they may be disappointed!

The traveler into oildom is not gratified with the sight of many oil-wells, on the French Creek below Meadville, until he approaches its lower portion; and when they do grow numerous, he is surprised to see so few in operation. This impression he carries up the Alleghany to Oil City and all the way up Oil Creek. Where derricks and wells are numbered perhaps by thousands, perched and pitched in all accessible and some inaccessible places; on sand spits in the streams in the way of Spring freshets; on narrow ledges of rock by the roadside; in groups of four or five on the same small lots; on the steep hill slopes and summits; in the gorges of steep ravines; all over the creek bottoms; it is surprising to a stranger to see so few of the entire number at work. Wells abandoned and wells neglected, some for want of oil, more for want of proper machinery and working capital, now stand as monuments of an excitement, which has lavished with the utmost recklessness, possibly almost as much capital in time, labor and money, as the aggregate oil production has amounted to.

One comprehends by inspection why it is that "oil" is not as exhilarating a subject as it was a year ago, and why it is that the Meadville locality has preferred to supply oil barrels, and other manufactures and productions, to the localities which kept up the demand and paid the money. As one rides up the narrow valley of Oil Creek, with its miserable roads and its profusion of board shanties; its long procession of teams with oil, coal, lumber and provisions, and its monumental forest of derricks; the dark bosom of the swift-flowing stream, keeping open a canal between ice-covered shores, seems to give out an audible sigh at its long progress by so many evidences of frustrated labor and hope.

The first question as to the secret of these apparent failures, and as to the actual yield of oil and stability of yield, is readily answered. A district which furnishes over 14,000 barrels of oil per day cannot be put on the witness stand as proof of any direct loss of supply. The experience of over five years has amply confirmed the vast resources of the oil springs as to the general field of production, and established the fact that oil is like its kindred production, coal, a grand accumulation, which centuries have made, and which other centuries may be challenged to exhaust. There can be no question whatever, among logical people, that the sources of oil supply exist on a very large scale, and that many of the present veins now opened are entirely regular and reliable. There are wells, for instance, on the Buchanan Farm at Rouseville, which can be depended upon for a daily and monthly supply, which is no less regular and no less valuable than a year and a half ago. There are also intermittent wells, which keep up a monthly average of supply, of great uniformity. In all those cases where oil veins have been properly reached, at the line of their ordinary flow, they are undoubtedly reliable, and come within the scope of direct mechanical draft and possible improvement of supply.

The singular phenomena of the flowing wells, and the singular excitability of our people, have had much to do with the oil fever and its reactions. The time has not yet arrived when operators as a class are content to settle down to the more plodding and less brilliant experience of pumping wells. Within a few months the thirst for extraordinary gains has built up at Pithole a town of 15,000 inhabitants, with its hotels, churches, stores, theatres and other buildings, but about two-thirds of the same mushroom creation is about to be abandoned, because large flowing wells do not respond to the drill of every experimenter, and experience has shown, as they say in common parlance, that "every flowing well costs a hundred thousand dollars, and is not very long lived, at that.

Just so, in other localities, a report of a successful strike, flying like wildfire over the country, produces an immediate stampede, in which all former investment of capital, time and labor is too often recklessly abandoned, California fashion.

This accounts, in part, for the apparent neglected state in which one finds the older districts of the oil region; a state which cannot properly be urged as a proof of the failure in legitimate supply. Operators despise "the day of small things," and daily repeat the fable of the goose and her golden egg. In time they will grow wiser and correspondingly richer.

But this is not the only reason. No educated engineer can travel through this part of the oil region without being struck with the utter rudeness and imperfection of the appliances at work on every side. On the track at Franklin, one sees about one-quarter mile of engines, fresh from the shop, with miserable little cylinders perched on the corners, or hanging to the sides of equally miserable little boilers, which may be warranted, at sight, to fail in power, economy and durability; and of such, as a class, are composed the working department of the entire oil region. Then the universal working-beam, which drives the drill or the pump, taking its motion from a belted spider wheel, with a rude pitman, is perched on the top of a rickety post, is too short in length and entirely unprovided with a parallel beam and link to reduce its vibration. Much increase of friction not only results, but the throw of the beam vibrates the entire head of the pumping tube and its sucker rods, so as to loosen the joints, wear the stuffing boxes and cut the rods and the tube. Following this beginning, one finds a continuous line of sucker rods about one inch and a quarter square, playing within a delivery tube of two or two and a half inches in diameter, and working leather valves, with three-quarter inch openings for a vertical lift of over five hundred feet. The fact that any supply of oil whatever really struggles to the surface against all these fictional obstacles, is a conclusive argument in favor of its existence in vein, and its promise of yield when the practical wits of operators settle down to common sense oil pumping. If ever there was a missionary field for intelligent engineering, it lies not far from Oil City.

There is another serious drawback on the operation of pumping wells, contained in the extraordinary revenue tax, which, without discrimination of market value, or of daily production, draws one dollar per barrel of crude oil procured. At present prices in Oil Creek, within ten miles of Oil City, this tax amounts to from twenty to forty per cent. of the gross value of the oil, and is therefore entirely prohibitory to all wells which have a land royalty of half yield to pay, and not produce over ten barrels per day. It is advisable for the Revenue department to urge an entire change in the present tax, discriminating between values of oil and also between quantities, so as to encourage the operation of moderate wells, and to relieve a tax which no people but Americans would bear so quietly, and no monarchy in existence would attempt to enforce.

The land royalty, readily acceded to in the palmy days of flowing wells, which is generally fifty per cent. of the yield, is a heavy burthen on operators of pumping wells. In time, a principle of self-interest will prompt the land companies to modify this tax and give producers a better remuneration for their outlay of capital and skill.

We may safely affirm, therefore, from considerable local study of the heart of the oil region, that when the operators become less excitable over transient flowing wells, and the oil production settles down to a reliable pumping supply; when the revenue tax is modified, and the land companies reduce their royalties, and when the processes of work become more intelligent and powerful, the average production of oil will exceed its present average, and become a source of reliable wealth of no ordinary character.

The peculiar flow of gas which generally accompanies the action of an oil well, and which varies in intensity in the same well and in different wells, is an interesting phenomenon. This gas, which is remarkably pure in quality, has been turned to very good account by many operators, as boiler fuel. It requires considerable care in the arrangement of special tanks and tubes, and must be provided with safety guards in the form of gauze diaphragms, clock-valves and water-traps, to prevent the occasional back-rush of flame which a partially filled tube is subject to. As yet the processes of its combustion are rude, and much waste of value occurs, the simple introduction of a tube to the mouth of the furnace, without jet coils or plates, being the usual method. I have sometimes seen the flames from such a tube, of one inch diameter, flow in large volumes over twenty-two feet through the tubes and uptake of a boiler, much of the heat being wasted for steam production.

Much waste occurs through the rapid evaporation of the tank contents, no proper roofing being provided. In some cases this action amounts to an inch per day, or about three barrels per tank; and it can only be prevented by using smaller apertures, or by transferring the leaky receptacle into greenhouses with floating covers and water packing. The arrangement for drawing off the oil is also rude, as a rule, and needs improvement, not only to prevent leaks, but to prevent serious losses, accidentally or intentionally, which plugs are now exposed to.

But a truce to criticisms which are not made in a censorious spirit. No observant man can spend much time in this region, and inform himself of the patience and endurance with which so many hundreds of men have spent here their capital, their time and their labor, never disheartened at their failures and disappointments, never envious of their more fortunate neighbors, patiently accepting what the coming day may bring, without a better appreciation of the noble qualities of true manliness, and a higher respect for that endurance which no ill-success can dishearten. Between the barren and inhospitable walls of the Oil Creek banks, in a country where the necessaries of life are all imported, where no infants prattle, and the smiling faces of women are rare, there is yet in progress a grand poem of humanity, dignified and adorned by all the alternations of success and disappointment, which develop and test the better qualities of the heart, and prove man to be in truth "a little lower than the angels," even in the dust and confusion of life's stern and most forbidding conflicts.

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THE PACIFIC COAST.

CALIFORNIA.

Windy Weather in San Francisco—Ingratitude of Travelers—The Cliff House and the Sea Lions—Curious Habits of that Animalie—Another Blondin—The "Outcroppings" and How the Press Gang Take On About Poetry—Theatricals, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

San Francisco, Jan. 17, 1866.

Nothing but rain and mud for the past ten days. A writer in the *Nation* speaks of the "fervor of California suns," and the influence they have in provoking erotic poetry! How absurdly ignorant you people beyond the mountains are of California, and of everything that pertains to it. If the *Nation* man came out here and heard a strange commotion, I presume his first inquiry would be patterned after Slender's, "Be there bears in the town?" The other day I received a letter from my rural home, in which it was fervently hoped that I might be preserved from the hand of the Indian and the mouth of the wild beast which walketh at noonday. Funny, wasn't it? The only wild beasts that I know of in this vicinity are monkeys and coyotes at one or two menageries; and the Indians are so far removed that Ben Halliday has to send to a distant reservation to find enough to furnish an excuse for the chronic interruptions to his overland route. Speaking of the fervor of our suns—it is nothing, by the way, to the fervor of our daughters—I should like to see that *Nation* man sunning himself some Summer afternoon on the top of Telegraph Hill. Bless his heart! He would need overcoat and gloves and a small boy to hold his hair on. Blowing! There is no one east of the mountains who knows what blowing is. In the Summer season every afternoon a storm-wind springs up in comparison to which the name Eurocldon is suggestive of mildness. It comes sweeping in from the sea, generally bringing a fog with it, and light persons are obliged to carry heavy grapnels in their pockets, with small cables attached, ready to anchor themselves at a moment's notice. It is not uncommon for a young woman to be taken up by her expansive crinoline and blown like a balloon miles inland. We occasionally see these phenomena sailing over our heads—seeing is believing, and the sight is suggestive of comets. The trees have all the same slant and bend over as though all their weight of apples and scorns grew on one side. The only sensible service that these winds perform, that I know of, outside of blowing the sand in young men's eyes so that they can't see young women's ankles at street-crossings, is the turning of windmills. By means of the wind we are enabled to raise water in the dry season. It is fortunate that we have no Don Quixotes among us, or there would be one continual warfare going on. I speak jestingly, but I am really somewhat impressed by the eternal fitness of this one thing. For if the wind did not blow steadily during the dry season, and enable us to raise water by Aeolian appliances, how could we contrive to water our gardens and cattle during the dearth?

In Summer we have some of the most pleasant mornings imaginable—the only enjoyable part of the day, in fact. But why the dickens don't they hold on with their pleasant weather till afternoon, after one has got up and got shaved, and taken his bath and matutinal beverage and breakfast, read the newspapers, and everyway prepared himself to enjoy it? The way the thing is at present managed it is all nonsense. I have several times got up early to revel in one of these traditional mornings, and it balm and beauty and all that could be counted on with certainty I'd get up oftener. But they can't. A dozen times I've had a rattling team engaged, and been called at five or half-past for a drive to and a breakfast at the Cliff, only to find it so foggy that you couldn't see beyond the dash-board. A few *fetich contretemps* are quite sufficient to disgust one with experiments, and persuade him that after all it is better to make sure of the trick you have in hand—a good morning nap—than to play for speculative drives and breakfasts.

Have you ever heard of the Cliff and the Cliff House? You should have, for Bierstadt sketches them and Ludlow promised to devote a chapter of his book to them. But that is the way that your people serve us. They come out here and live upon the fat of the land and the fulness thereof. We *fête* them and feast them, ask them to our houses, introduce them to our wives and get our oldest daughter to sing and play on the piano for them, and then home they go with never an acknowledgement of our civility in print. There are Colfax, Bross, Bowles and Richardson! Did I not invite them to my house? Was not the fatted calf killed for them? Did they not drink my wines, wander through my somewhat circumscribed but elegantly-laid-out gardens, and never a word have the newspaper men said about my hospitality, my wife, my man servant nor my maid servant, nor anything which is within my gates. And Colfax, what easier than for him, as Speaker of the present Congress, to indulge in a few reminiscences of the pleasant times which he enjoyed at the hospitable house of his friend McToady, Esq.? But they won't; they won't, and sometimes I resolve that I'll give over opening my house to strangers, in the hope of entertaining angels unawares. One might as well sit down to a steady eating of oysters for the sake of finding pearls.

But about the Cliff House. It is situated on the cliffs, about six miles distant from the city, at the termination of the Point Lobos Road—a turnpike. The road is made of a species of red rock, and is smooth as a dollar, the only fault being that in dry weather it is rather hard for horses' feet. At any stable in town you can get a pair of horses that will carry you out there in a half hour, and my first drive was behind a livery team that brought three of us and a rockaway in in twenty-four minutes. Great place this for teams and turnouts. You can scare up several pairs on livery that will trot in 2:45 to the pole.

The Cliff House is a comfortable verandahed little hotel, perched up like a lookout box on the summit of the Cliff. The view seaward from its balcony is unbroken. Far in the distance, on clear days, you can see the Farralone Islands, the intervening space dotted with the white sails of commerce. A few rods from the shore lie the seal-rocks. These are the curiosities of the coast. Though called seal-rocks they are, in reality, tenanted by sea-lions. You perhaps remember the fellow at Barnum's Museum, who was kept in a tank of sea-water and would flounder out and in, chiefly distinguished by his inordinate love of fish, a number of domestic virtues, and a bad breath. Well, these chaps are exactly like him, and they cover the rocks. More comical-looking creatures you never saw. Sometimes they lie three deep, floundering over each other, and cutting amphibious pigeon-wings in the awkwardest way imaginable. In the water they are most at home, and by the aid of the field-glass which, secured by an immense ring and chain, (a sad commentary upon metropolitan morals) is kept for the use of visitors, you can become very well versed in the mysteries of submarine bridal chambers. They are "musical cusses," too, their voices being chiefly on the heavy baritone order; of them it may be emphatically written that their bark is on the sea. Eminently conventional, they have some of the funniest ceremonies that can be imagined. Whenever a new comer lands on the rock the youngest and fairest of the occupants go down to welcome him. Owing to an unfortunate shortness of reach but little embracing or hugging is done, but they make it all up in kissing, rubbing their noses together sometimes for half an hour at a time. In their promenades along the rock they don't walk arm-in-arm at all, but they keep patting each other on the back with their fins, and dealing out such other tokens of esteem as mahifest to all around that they are on the most friendly terms. There is one which has been christened "General Butler," a cock-eyed old fellow, with a lower jaw twisted askew, and a voice like a boatswain's. He is in favor of severe measures on all occasions and confiscates everything within his reach. But he is bold as a lion—*id est*, as a sea-lion—and when the heavy nor'west blows come, and the sea rolls in with a roar like thunder, dashing the spray over the topgallant rocks until it flies far inland like snow-flakes, and making the house and the cliffs upon which it is built tremble to their deep foundations—then it is when all the weak ones crawl to the leeward of the rock, and lie prostrate in trembling and fear, that my Ben. Butler takes the weather side. Heaving his great head and shoulders out in relief against the stormy sky, he emulates the bull of Phalaris in his roarings, till the elements sometimes feel their impotence, and for the moment become dumb. His harem watch him with wondering and admiring eyes, and occasionally one of them struggles up to cheer him in his loneliness, but no! The hirsute Mars repels the advances of the equally hairy Venus, and back she slinks shamefaced and rebuffed among the others of the sea-ragtio. The outgoing steamers sometimes pass so near these rocks that a biscuit could be thrown from their decks upon them; but I fancy the seals are not very fond of biscuits, for they flounder off into the water without even taking a nibble. Between these rocks and the Farallones the seals make regular trips, like mail steamers. Fish and bird-eggs constitute their chief diet, but I do not know that they would turn disdainfully from a young bird if it fell in their way. Birds'-nesting is a favorite sport with them, and they excel in it. No chamois hunter could go up the crags of Switzerland with more ease than they climb the jagged rocks, for all their short legged-ness. But I've an idea that the boobies and pelicans would flank them if they followed the fashion of land birds in nest building, for the most active seal would find it rather difficult, perhaps, to climb a tree.

The Cliff House is kept by one Foster, an ex-sea captain, or sea cook, or purser. He is a right jolly fellow, and enjoys life as well as the next one—I might say better, for he is next the cemetery, and his nearest neighbors lie there. I may be wrong, but I don't think they have much fun. He is now talking about building a bridge from the house to the seal rocks, so that visitors can go out and fish upon it, and get a nearer view of his marine menagerie. But I've an idea that some mischievous fellow might go bobbing for seals, and if he got Ben Butler on a string there would be the devil to pay. Moreover, I do not think the seals, amiable as they are, would stand the invasion of their sofi. For when the rope was put up for Cooke, the acrobat, to walk over upon, they indignantly deserted in a body and steered for the Farallones, and it was some time before they returned to their old haunts.

Apropos of this affair, perhaps you have never heard that we have been blessed with a Blondin here. A Mr. Cooke, clown of Wilson's Hippotheatron—Chinese for circus—advertised that he would walk on a certain Sunday from the Cliff House to the Seal-rocks, and return. Probably five thousand persons went out to see the performance—not a buggy, hack, dog-cart, nor even a wheelbarrow, could be had in town on the eventful morning, so great was the rush. But it was rainy, and blew so that the cable swayed in the wind like a pine tree top and roared like a giant harp-string. Cooke made one attempt to fulfill his promise, but came so very near becoming food for Ben Butler that he abandoned the idea for that day. But determined not to give it up so, he fixed another day, and accomplished the feat successfully. As the distance from cliff to rocks is three hundred yards, and the rope swung some sixty or eighty feet above the water, the promenade is scarcely the one that a gentleman would choose to take before breakfast. The rope still hangs there, and it is said that the seals go up and practice upon it of nights. A Mdlle. Seagrist is very anxious to try her skill in walking over it, having already made several ascensions to the roofs of buildings. She will have to go in tights if she essays that tight rope, or run the risk of finding herself in a very tight place; for even a suspicion of a skirt would catch enough wind, unless the day were phenomenally still, to tilt her off and seal her fate below.

The last steamer brought out a number of notices of *Outcroppings*. In the main they are favorable, and the one in the Times was especially fair and just. I indorse it because strangely enough it says precisely what I have said on every side since the book was published. It contains some unexceptionable verse, and may well challenge comparison with any similar collection that could be issued from the older States. Of course there were a number of verses in the book which I fancy the editor threw in merely as sops to the Cerberuses of the Court, but he failed to mollify all of them, and such a clatter and cackle as have been raised in consequence you never heard. The whole interior press is eruptive with epithets. The San Francisco press hardly gave the volume the notice that a big turnip would have got at their hands. The *Alta* said "a little volume called so and so has been published by so and so and is very creditable," &c. The *Bulletin*, which was never known to say a generous word of any person or thing, or to encourage any local enterprise which was not submitted previously for its sanction, wreathed its lip and said "a very little good verse with a great deal of doggerel." This was certainly cool, considering that the only really dreamy contributions, those that had neither soul nor sense in them, and could properly be styled "doggerel," were written by one of the *Bulletin's* leading editors and former book-reviewer, and was merely admitted to the volume, I imagine, to secure his good word or at least to muzzle him. The *Call*—a sprightly little sheet generally, gave a notice quite adapted to the intellects of the ruling classes (Bridgets and Micks) among whom it circulates. It may briefly be said that not one generous notice did the little book get in the country which it was put forth to represent, and such a pelting, I fancy, never book got before. Imagine Noah's dove being pelted with broken bottles and brickbats on its return to the ark! It is estimated that there are 1,575 poets in California. As the census was taken six weeks ago, it is probable that there are 1,700 in round numbers by this time. When you know that each of these poets probably contributes to a dozen different papers—beginning with the Mud Springs *Tribune* and ending with the Dutch Flat *Palladium*—and that each of these editors felt himself personally misused and insulted by his contributors' not finding embalmment between the leaves of the book, you will understand what a row was raised.

Compared with its reception here, the notices which the book received at the East are all perfect panegyrics. What amused me was the patronizing air which some of your critics assumed, evidently thinking that they must make allowances for the verse as they would for a piece of carving done at the Fejee Islands, or a specimen of catechism practice by children partially dumb and wholly deaf. There is certainly a degree of coolness about this, when we consider that the majority of the poems (originally printed in the *Californian*, and in the foundation of that journal a high standard of verse was adopted, on the principle that good selected matter was preferable to indifferent original,) were copied, and stolen, and republished in nearly all of the literary journals of the East—some even crossing the Atlantic to return here and be copied by the same dailies which now put on ruffles in mention of this compliation.

For three years or so, at the East, I acted as book-reviewer, book-noticer, literary critic—or call it what you will—upon a pretty respectable and responsible journal. During that time a good deal of verse passed under my notice, and at last I acquired a dexterity in judgment which enabled me to say almost on opening a volume of those mediocre verses, which gods and men despise: "Oh, go your ways, I know your tricks and your manners." I was called a tolerably good judge of verse then, and I do not think I am any worse now—though the influence of California may be rather demoralizing. During the period that I edited and owned the *Californian*, I do not think there was any editor in the Union who accepted less verse or rejected more, for I was deluged with it, and occasionally I was surprised at the gems which chance threw into my contribution box. Very many of them are published in *Outcroppings*, and I will stand by them to the end. If you will show me any newspaper poetry half as good over your way, I stand ready to confess myself mistaken. But I do pretend to say that I can take the files of the *Californian* and show you more unexceptionably good and *real* poetry, unbroken by alternations of twaddle, than can be shown me in any New-York or Boston journal during the same lapse of time. But enough of *Outcroppings*.

Our State just now is occupied with the currency question. The Supreme Court of Nevada has declared that the specific contract law is illegal, and that greenbacks must be taken; but the decision has raised such a thundering row, that the question is set for a rehearing. The San Francisco press still stands firm on the currency question as opposed to greenbacks; but there is a growing feeling among the people in favor of their introduction, and very many capable financiers believe that they are destined to come.

The Legislature is busy at present with suppressing gambling and steam-boiler explosions. I hope it will succeed, for both are desirable ends to be reached; but I've an idea that boilers and people will occasionally get on a burst, in spite of law, and that many a sly hand of draw poker and *ecarté* will be played, though the statute books were written full with penalties.

Theatricals are rather dull. Miss Emily Thorne is playing at Sacramento—where she is an immense favorite—to very fair business. Next week Maguire brings out "Arrah Na Pogue" there, Miss Thorne playing *Arrah Melish* and, Harry Wall, *Shaun the Post*; Pauncefort plays *Col. O'Grady* and Thompson, *Michael Feeny*—the same characters they played (the two latter) while under Wheatley's management.

Landmann opened at Sacramento on Monday night in *Narcisse*. He had a large house, but the *Union* speaks in qualified terms of his performance. Wednesday evening he played *Mephisto*, and the *Union* condemns the persecution unqualifiedly. I must confess that I was not much inclined to indorse the Anglo-German interpretation of Shakespeare's very heartily while Mr. Landmann was playing here.

Miss. Vestvali has left the American Theatre, and will open very soon with the remaining members of the old Wheatley company—Mrs. Emmett Brown among the number.

Bellavilla will soon open the Academy of Music with an opera troupe. It is at present occupied by an Irish performance.

Dan Emmonell is playing a very successful farewell engagement, closing on Saturday evening. To-morrow evening (Friday) he takes his farewell benefit, and the house already shows signs of being what is elegantly termed a "ripper," for he is a great favorite. His Ethan Spike is one very much, and I should not be surprised if he one day made his mark in the character. He will leave for Australia in the first vessel, being under engagement to a Kangaroo manager.

For the rest I can only say it is muddy and raining, stocks are down—so are the wires most of the time—and everything looks blue. But we cheer ourselves up by thinking and singing, *Le bon temps viendra!*

C. H. W.

RAILROAD SWINDLERS.

The Roads in New-England Victimized—Conductors' Property Attached to the Amount of Several Hundred Thousand Dollars.

The Manchester (N. H.) *Mirror* gives these particulars of recent extensive swindles on some of the leading New-England roads:

Some months ago the Directors in the Concord Railroad instructed Col. John H. Gronon, clerk and counsel for the road, to look after leaks in the railroad, and particularly to watch the conductors.

He employed Major Geonge J. Carney, who had been with Gen. Butler in New-Orleans, as a detective to watch the conductors and others. The story goes that Major Carney moved to Concord and opened an office as a claim agent. He got out flowing handbills and created a great sensation among other claim agents, offering superior inducements to soldiers. They appreciated his efforts and came to his office. He watched bills struck up in all the towns along the line of the Concord road and employed these soldiers to do it.

He represented that the ticket officers were combined against his agency and told them to buy their tickets in the cars, and take a minute of what they paid and to what conductor, and make him daily returns. They did so. He represented that opposing claim agents were tearing down his bills and sent soldiers to the same towns again to put up new ones. It is said that on the Portsmouth Road the conductor was paid about $30 one day by these soldiers, and that night the conductor returned he had taken only $6 in the cars.

Masters did not stop with change of conductors. Last Saturday James Whitcher, of Hooksett, the noted Canterbury Shaker, seller of pails and brooms, was arrested here and kept under keepers at the Forest House till yesterday (Sunday) afternoon, when an extra train was sent from Concord for him and he was escorted thither. It seems he had been selling, for a long time, tickets over the chief roads in New-England, but particularly over the Concord, at much less than the regular price, and had three dry goods dealers here as agents. The charge is that the conductors and others furnished him with tickets and thus they reaped a harvest.

As the story goes, a ticket would be taken by the conductor, not punched, handed to Whitcher and might be used several times before it would finally come to the ticket office and accounted for. About $200 worth of tickets were found on Whitcher over different railroads. Officers were sent to his house at Hooksett, and about $100 worth were found. The dry goods dealers were seen by Col. Gronon, and he was probably convinced that they were innocently engaged in the business. The property of the chief conductors was immediately attached to answer the damages set at $100,000 each.

It is understood that Whitcher has made a clean breast and told where he got his tickets, and that he is at his home again at Hooksett, ready to sell brooms and pails. Whether there is anything to hold the conductors or not, we cannot say. Rumor says that more arrests and attachments are being made, and that the whole concern will shake before they get through. Shake away! Give us an honest administration of the Concord Railroad, and low fares and freight will come and the people will clap their hands for joy.

The Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist* says: "While in New-Orleans—it may gratify our readers who love and venerate Ex-President Davis to know—'Artemus Ward' gave one lecture for the exclusive benefit of that great man's wife." There have been other instances than this of loadyism on the part of "Artemus Ward," since he has been lecturing in the South.

The Philosophy of Smoking.

LECTURE BY REV. S. W. BAILEY.

A lecture was delivered by Rev. S. W. Bailey last evening, at Cooper Institute, on "The Philosophy of Smoking," before a rather limited audience in point of numbers. After a brief sketch of the history of tobacco and its introduction into Europe 300 years ago, the lecturer recited the apostrophes of Burton and Lamb to the Indian weed, and then said that the first point of his discourse would be that the use of tobacco makes youth manly, refines taste, excites emulation, and engenders self-reliance. On these points Mr. Bailey proceeded to argue in a humorous manner. The first attempts of the youthful smoker, and the effects of the first cigar were graphically described. Having arrived at the dignity of being able to puff a cigar without any unpleasant consequences, the sentiments of the smoker were supposed to have become etherialized. He had arrived at the knowledge that man did not live by bread and beefsteaks alone, but that tobacco played an important part in sustaining the play of the vital functions. With a cigar in his mouth the youth felt his dignity increased, and in fact became a man.

The second point that the lecturer proceeded to enforce was, that tobacco engenders a love of freedom, becomes a bond of sympathy and is opposed to aristocratic institutions. Tyrants, he said, had always been opposed to the use of tobacco by their subjects, and many of them had prohibited smoking under severe penalties. Its use was opposed to aristocratic institutions, because it placed all men, more or less, on an equality. What man ever refused another a light for his cigar? He had himself never witnessed such a thing but once in his life, and that was a few days ago in the Bowery, where a gentleman of dark complexion denied to a soldier the privilege of relighting his pipe. The lecturer then stated that, in his opinion, King James' famous counterblast against tobacco was indirectly the cause of that other counterblaste—the gunpowder plot. James' subjects, he said, saw that a man who was so stupid as to think ill of tobacco was not fit to reign over them, and, as a natural consequence, the gunpowder plot was concocted.

Of the advantages of using tobacco, the lecturer recited an instance in the case of a crew wrecked among the Fejee Islands. All were eaten by the islanders except one man, and him they declined to touch, in consequence of his flesh smelling so strongly of tobacco. Hence the lecturer argued that all travelers should at once commence the use of tobacco, as they never could tell among what company they might fall.

The lecturer concluded by showing that the use of tobacco begot the virtues of patience and forbearance, and was so much a promoter of domestic happiness that no household could be deemed complete unless a good stock of cigars was ready at hand.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

Two Fatal Burning Casualties.—At 9 o'clock last night a little girl named Hattie Pratt was left by her mother sitting by a table, while she ran out on an errand. During her absence the child accidentally upset the kerosene oil lamp, her clothes catching fire from the explosion which followed. An alarm of fire was given. Before assistance could reach the unfortunate child she was terribly burned about the head and chest. Medical aid was called in, when the injuries received were pronounced fatal.... About the same hour a similar accident occurred at No. 186 Cherry-street, when Ellen Leonard, a domestic in the employ of Mr. Cosgrove, was severely, and, it is said, fatally burned about the lower extremities, caused by the lamp breaking on being upset, when the explosive material covered her dress and set it in a blaze. The unfortunate woman rushed frantically into the street, uttering piercing shrieks. Two men near by endeavored to extinguish the flames, but were too late to be of use. She was conveyed to Bellevue Hospital by the Seventh Precinct Police.

Obituary.—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Bank Note Company, held yesterday, resolutions were adopted in reference to the death of George W. Hatch, for several years President of that Company, and long identified with the bank-note engraving business. It was resolved to close the offices of the Company to-day, to give the Board an opportunity of attending the funeral from the late residence of the deceased, Dobb's Ferry, at 2 o'clock P. M.

A Woman